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Paris withdraws aircraft carrier

## French presence in Gulf to continue

By Faizima Ahmed

**FRENCH** Defence Minister Jean-Pierre Chevenement yesterday said that the reduction of the French naval task force in the Indian Ocean does not mean the end of French presence in the Gulf region.

The French Defence Ministry said in Paris yesterday it was withdrawing the aircraft carrier Clemenceau, two support ships, and one minesweeper from its Indian Ocean fleet which covers the Gulf.

### Situation

The Defence Ministry said the move was made "taking into account the evolution of the situation in the region and the new perspectives for peace."

Chevenement said that if conditions change for the worse, the aircraft carrier Foch could be in the area within 15 days. The Foch and the Clemenceau, France's only aircraft carriers, are based in the Mediterranean port of Toulon.

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The reduction does not mean an end to French presence in the region. We will maintain our naval presence in the Gulf," Chevenement said before leaving Kuwait yesterday after a two-day visit.

### Decision

Chevenement had informed HH the Amir about the French decision to cut back its naval force. The French minister called on the Amir on Saturday to deliver a message from French President Francois Mitterrand, inviting the Amir to visit France.

The Amir, who is expected to go to Paris on a private visit this month, accepted the official invitation to visit France next year, Chevenement said.

France is the first Western power to order one of the largest cutbacks of its naval fleet in the once-embattled waterway. The departure of the four ships will cut the French naval force in the Gulf region from 11 to seven.

The Clemenceau was ordered to return to Toulon.

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ement said: "Yes, provided it is supervised by the United Nations, as there is scope for cooperation between nations."

Chevenement said it was vital to clear the Gulf of mines and protect shipping. He called on the international community to pool efforts to clear the Gulf waterway of mines.

"It is vital to clear the Gulf waterway though it (mine-sweeping) is a difficult task and considerable work is involved. An initiative must be taken by the international community to help clear the waterway of mines," he emphasised.

"We are interested to see peace and stability in the region," he stressed.

Chevenement parried questions on reported French proposal to supply Mirage 2000 multi-role fighter planes and other weapons to Kuwait. But he indicated France's willingness to provide weapons and aircraft if approached.

### Weapons

"There is the possibility of co-operating not only in (providing) aircraft but other weapons, and in other fields, as well," he said.

Kuwait's Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, who was at the airport to see off the French minister, indicated Kuwait's willingness to diversify its weapons sources.

"Kuwait will meet its need for various equipment and other weapons and we are studying several proposals," Sheikh Nawaf said.

Though he did not elaborate (Continued on Page 2)

## Iraq sends merchant ship into Gulf

**BAGHDAD**, Sept 4. (Reuter): Iraq today sent a merchant ship into the Gulf in an apparent challenge to Iran's self-declared right to search vessels despite the ceasefire in their eight-year war.

The Iraqi ship Khawla sailed from Umm Qasr port south of Basra to the Mediterranean at 9.15 am (0515 GMT), the official Iraqi News Agency

(INA) said, adding that the vessel was carrying 3,000 tonnes of fertiliser.

Iraq's policy of continuing to intercept Iraqi-bound war cargoes in the Gulf is one of the issues over which Geneva peace talks have been stalled since they began 10 days ago.

Iraq says that under the terms

## Peres wants peace with Palestinians

**LONDON**, Sept 4. (Agencies): Israeli politician Shimon Peres was quoted today as saying he would not join another national unity coalition which rejected a compromise peace with the Arabs.

"We shall not join in any government that will say no to the peace process," Peres was reported as telling The Observer, the liberal London weekly.

His statement "seemed to rule out a continuation" of the coalition between his Labour Party and the right-wing Likud which has ruled Israel for the past four years, said the newspaper which interviewed Peres in Jerusalem last week.

**Willing**

Peres, a former prime minister, is his party's candidate for the post again in the Nov 1 general elections.

The report quoted Peres as saying he wants discussions with Palestinians willing to recognise the 1967 UN Security Council Resolution 242 which called for withdrawal from occupied territory and respect for Israel's right to live within secure borders.

Peres said his party is ready to trade territory for peace and accept a timetable for the transition from interim to permanent settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian dispute.

The Observer quoted Peres as saying: "I'm saying this time it's not a choice between parties, it's a choice between destinies. What sort of Israel will it be in the future?"

King Hussein told reporters: "We are waiting for the Palestinians to solidify their position so that we may offer them support."

He said he hoped the Iran-Iraq ceasefire would allow greater efforts to be made toward solving the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"We hope the ceasefire will lead to a durable peace in the region so that the light can be focussed on the Palestinian cause, which has been put in the hands of its owners," said Hus-

sein.

The visit by the King to Egypt was the first since Jordan broke administrative and legal links with the Israeli-occupied West Bank on July 31.

The two countries held secret contacts during the past three months, the sources added.

The move left the PLO to fill the vacuum.



ces said today that its director-general Avraham Tamir will probably not be disciplined for saying that the PLO represents all Palestinians.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir called for Avraham Tamir to be sacked after he made the remark to a Jewish group in the United States last week.

"I don't believe anything will happen to him," one Foreign Ministry source said. He dismissed Shamir's reaction as political campaigning prior to general elections in November.

Officially, the ministry has said that Tamir's remark did not conflict with government policy. But officials said privately that it had embarrassed Peres and was badly timed before the election.

## UK, Syria to resume ties

**SHARJAH**, Sept 4. (KUNA): Britain and Syria have agreed to resume diplomatic relations and settle all problems between the two countries, according to a report published today.

The daily Al Khaleej quoted reliable British sources in London as saying that the resumption of ties and appointment of ambassadors will take place within two weeks.

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A senior Arab official close to both Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher paved the way for these contacts, the sources said.

Two other senior GCC officials followed up the issue during their separate visits to Britain early this year and in July, the sources added.

Britain severed diplomatic ties with Syria in Oct 1986 and halted Syrian Airlines' flights to London and Syria took similar measures against Britain.

The daily Sangbad said 40 people died across the country

GCC ministers meet to map post-war strategy

## Saudis call for new spirit of peace

RIYADH, Sept 4. (Agencies):

Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal said today that Iran's turn to peace with Iraq was "a crucial and significant" development, but stressed that a "new spirit that respects good neighbourly ties and rejects aggression, avoids sabotage and interference in the internal affairs of neighbours and seeks unity of Muslims and directing efforts in the good of Islam."

Resolution 598.

But he cautioned Iran that ending the nearly eight-year-old Gulf war "is not sufficient in itself, unless backed by a new spirit that respects good neighbourly ties and rejects aggression, avoids sabotage and interference in the internal affairs of neighbours and seeks unity of Muslims and directing efforts in the good of Islam."

### Expected

The GCC session, attended by the foreign ministers of the council's member states, was expected in last two days.

The ministers will seek ways to help break the deadlocked peace talks in Geneva and map out a post-war strategy for the region.

It was the first meeting by the alliance since Iran unexpectedly announced on July 18 its unconditional acceptance of Resolution 598, which called for a ceasefire in the war. The truce took hold on Aug 20.

The ministers arriving for the meeting at the GCC headquarters in the Saudi capital, stressed

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they will focus on how to consolidate the peace negotiations and prepare for co-operation between Gulf states in the post-war era.

Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, noted that article 8 of Resolution 598

## Kuwait helps flood-hit countries

THE Kuwaiti cabinet yesterday decided to send emergency food aid to Bangladesh, reeling under catastrophic floods.

The decision was taken following the concern shown by HH the Amir over the situation in Bangladesh.

Kuwait has already sent 35 plane-loads of relief material — food, medicine and tents — to flood-stricken Sudan. A ship with another 30,000 tons of material is on its way to Sudan.

## Plane fire

FARNBOROUGH, England, Sept 4. (Reuter): The engine of a Soviet freight plane caught fire on takeoff as Britain's Farnborough air show opened today.

Eye-witnesses saw flames coming from the back of the Antonov 124 as it began takeoff, a spokesman said.

## No recess in Gulf peace talks

## UN mediator proposes compromise formula

GENEVA, Sept 4. (Reuter): United Nations mediator Jan Eliasson said today he planned no recess in the Iran-Iraq peace talks despite the distrust both sides say has prevented them from making progress.

The Swedish envoy, chosen on Thursday by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to take over Gulf mediation from him, said it was important to work hard to try to get agreement on small issues in order to build confidence.

"We are now in this intensive working phase and I of course hope for and expect progress on the issues that we discuss," he told a news conference. "There is no recess planned for the time being."

He said he had also proposed a new compromise formula.

The two sides are so divided that the UN has not convened a face-to-face meeting since the second day of the talks, on Aug 26.

### Modest

Foreign ministers of the Non-Aligned Movement, to which both Iran and Iraq belong, meet this week in Nicolas and it was not clear if the Iraqi and Iranian ministers plan to attend. Each is his country's chief peace negotiator at the Geneva talks.

Eliasson said negotiations were much easier now than in 1986 when he visited Iran and Iraq during the fighting to help the late Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme's search for peace.

"I am not discouraged. You have to have a modest appreciation of progress," he said.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz met Eliasson for 75 minutes last evening and Iranian Foreign

11 crewmen injured

## UK naval ship damaged in collision in Gulf

ABU DHABI, Sept 4. (Agencies): The British destroyer Southampton docked in Fujairah port in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) today after being involved in a collision with a merchant ship which it was escorting in the Gulf.

Officials at Fujairah port said the 3,560-tonne warship would remain in harbour for a few days for inspection after the accident 10 miles off the coast of Oman last night.

The collision with the 34,477-tonne British container vessel Tor Bay injured 11 sailors on the Southampton, three of whom suffered broken bones.

A Royal Navy spokesman said the Southampton, carrying a crew of 280, was holed in the port side.

He declined to describe how the collision occurred but said an investigation would be carried out.

**Position**

Shipping sources said the ships probably collided while manoeuvring into position for the destroyer to lead the Tor Bay through the narrow Strait of Hormuz into the Gulf.

The Southampton is part of a British task force which has been protecting British-flagged merchant vessels against Iranian attack during the Gulf war.

The Tor Bay's owners, P and O, said one ballast tank near the bow was holed. The ship was continuing to Dubai from Singapore. It will be repaired at the Dubai drydock.

On arrival at Fujairah, the sailors with broken bones were moved to the local government hospital. One witness at the port said the Southampton was "damaged extensively." (There's) a big gash on its port side, bigger than the size of a car.

### Accidents

British naval sources in Oman noted that this was not the first time that the Southampton has been involved in such accidents.

"That destroyer has a history of bouncing off ships," said one of the sources, also describing it as "an unlucky ship." The one example he could immediately recall was that of the vessel hitting a buoy off Portland sometime ago. He did not remember the date.

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Baghdad is plainly worried that the negotiations could drag on for months if not years, thereby delaying the use of the Shatt Al-Arab, the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

### Victory

Iran has said Iraq must agree to withdraw its troops before it will stop searching ships and says now is not the time to discuss such a sensitive issue as an estuary over which they have clashed for centuries.

Prayers of thanks for victory boomed from Iraqi minarets today as the country marked what it regards as the eighth anniversary of its war with Iran.

## INTERNATIONAL

Committee formed to review defamation bill

## Rajiv bows to public pressure

NEW DELHI, Sept 4, (UPI): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi today set up a high-level committee to review a defamation bill that sparked a nationwide protest and postponed the introduction of the measure in the upper house of the Parliament.

The decision to defer the controversial bill and refer it to a ministerial committee was announced by Rajiv during a speech he gave to officials of his ruling Congress (I) Party.

It follows a nationwide protest by opposition parties, journalists, lawyers and civil rights groups who allege the measure's intent was to censor the press and violate the constitutional guarantee of free speech.

**Curtail** "The government never wanted to curtail the freedom of the press, this freedom is one of the pillars of democracy," Rajiv said during the speech.

"If freedom of the press is jeopardized in any way, our democracy will be weakened, at no point of time we wanted to lessen this freedom. There is no question of reducing this freedom," the Indian leader said of charges his government wanted to curtail press freedom.

The proposed bill would subject a person to criminal charges for false statements that adversely affect the reputation of a person or association.

The bill attracted widespread criticism because it would force defendants to prove the veracity

of their statements, would provide for secret trials and would allow charges to be filed anywhere in India, irrespective of where the law was violated.

Convictions would bring up to five years in jail.

The media could be prosecuted for reporting statements that violated the law, a provision opponents claim would prohibit the publication of any anti-government charges by opposition parties.

Government agencies and its officials would be exempt from the proposed law.

The National Press Co-ordination Committee in a statement said it would stage a demonstration and nationwide newspaper strike tomorrow.

**Curtail** The committee will fight for the withdrawal of the bill, which the statement said would introduce censorship.

Rajiv said during the meeting with his party officials that Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao will head the "high-powered" committee, whose members include Information and Broadcasting Minister H.K.L. Bhagat and several senior cabinet ministers including Home, Finance and Law.

The committee would seek opinion from journalists and other groups and initiate steps to remove fears about freedom of the press, Rajiv said. He said the government does not want to curtail the press, but at the same time, people must be protected against defamation.

## Kurdish rebels take a beating

ULUDERE, Turkey, Sept 4, (Reuters): Fleeing Kurdish fighters say Iraq is using artillery and poison gas in a major offensive to finally crush a Kurdish rebellion going back to the 1920s.

One rebel leader who sought refuge in Turkey said the situation was worse than Vietnam.

The picture emerging from a mass exodus of rebels and refugees was that the Kurds, fighting for autonomy for more than 60 years, had taken a beating they might never recover from.

"If I tell you what has happened, you won't believe it. It is worse than Vietnam," said Akram May, a Peshmerga guerrilla leader from the Zakhro area of Northwest Iraq.

"Because we are a poor people on one will help us."

May and other fighters joined tens of thousands of civilians who escaped from Iraq since President Saddam Hussein turned his troops on the Kurdish rebels.

## Ethnic strife leads Yugoslavia into economic crisis: Serbs

CRVENKA, Yugoslavia, Sept 4, (Reuters): Thousands of Yugoslav protesters accused the country's communist rulers today of leaving ethnic strife unchecked while promoting economic ruin.

Serbian and Montenegrin protesters charged the leadership of this Balkan federation with allowing a Serb-Albanian ethnic conflict to go uncurbed in Kosovo province.

They also joined growing worker-criticism of politicians for corruption and incompetence as the country sinks deep into economic crisis involving 200 per cent inflation and huge debts.

Today's protest in the heart of Vojvodina supported Serbian Communist Party President Slobodan Milosevic's constitutional reform drive to wrest back the two areas under central Serbian rule.



## Blacks and Anglicans urged to boycott polls

## Tutu defies state of emergency

CAPE TOWN, Sept 4, (Reuters): Black Archbishop Desmond Tutu, defying South Africa's state of emergency regulations, urged blacks and Anglicans today not to vote in nationwide municipal elections next month.

Risking up to 10 years' imprisonment under emergency laws, Tutu made his plea to a packed multiracial congregation from the pulpit of St George's Cathedral in Cape Town.

## Demands

"I call on all Anglicans in this diocese to consider carefully what God demands of them in this matter."

"I urge black people in this diocese not to vote in the October elections. I hope white Anglicans will join their black fellow Anglicans in that action," said

Tutu, an outspoken opponent for apartheid race segregation.

Calls to boycott the Oct 26 elections are outlawed under the 27-month-old state of emergency and carry a penalty of up to 10 years in prison or a 20,000 rand (\$3,000) fine.

"I am aware of the penalties attached to this call," Tutu, dressed in white and gold archbishop's robes, said solemnly. "I am not defying the government. I obey God."

## Opposed

Tutu, a Nobel peace prize winner, is Archbishop of Cape Town and head of the Anglican church in South Africa.

Thirteen municipal elections, for all races, are opposed by anti-apartheid campaigners who regard

black town councils as a front for maintaining white domination.

"These elections in an unjust dispensation cannot be fair.

"These elections in an unjust dispensation cannot be fair. The government is guilty of intimidation or wanting to force participation by placing heavy penalties on those calling for a boycott..." Tutu told the congregation of several hundred people which included the mayor of Cape Town.

Tutu has been in direct confrontation with President P.W. Botha over his calls for international anti-apartheid sanctions and for leading a protest march on Parliament last February.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said in a speech on

Friday that the time had come to "clip the wings" of people who hid behind the mask of liberation theology.

## Responsible

Botha asked why people responsible for attacks on anti-apartheid organisations were not normally arrested.

Referring to a bomb blast which devastated the Johannesburg offices of the anti-apartheid South African Council of Churches last week, Tutusaid: "We do not know who is responsible but we keep on being suspicious."

He said it was the latest in a series of mysterious attacks on anti-apartheid groups.

Tutu was speaking at the ceremonial installation of Colin Jones as the first non-white dean of Cape Town.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Sam White dies

PARIS, Sept 4, (Reuters): Sam White, Paris correspondent for the London Evening Standard since 1947, died today aged 77, his family said.

White, who was first taken on at the Standard by British press baron Lord Beaverbrook, died at a Paris clinic where he had been receiving treatment for respiratory problems.

"He lived well up until the end. He didn't give anything up—smoking, eating or drinking," said his daughter-in-law Linda White.

## Escape

BERLIN, Sept 4, (UPI): In the third such escape to two weeks, two East Germans swam a border body of water to West Berlin early today, West Berlin police reported.

The men, 20 and 30, were seen by border guards on the eastern bank of the Britz canal, but the guards did not shoot.

On Friday two men swam the Havel river to West Berlin.

They told West Berlin police an East German patrol boat had seen them as they swam the river but did not open fire.

Two weeks ago four East Germans, three men and a woman, swam the Spree river to West Berlin near the Reichstag, the seat of the German parliament.

## Power restored

SEATTLE, Sept 4, (AP): Utility crews finally restored service last night to parts of a 50-block downtown section that had been without electricity since the mid-day of the week.

But Seattle city light officials asked customers not to turn on their air conditioning immediately, out of fear of a surge of demand on one of the hottest days of the year. The temperature in Seattle hit 92 degrees Fahrenheit (33.33 Celsius) a record for the date, the National Weather Service said.

## French presence ...

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On the nature of the proposals, he indicated Kuwait's willingness to buy weapons to suit its needs and strengthen military defence.

## Chevenement

Chevenement, who was on his first trip outside Europe since he took office three months ago, said he reviewed financing, political and military cooperation during his meetings with the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al 'Abdullah, Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and Sheikh Nawaf.

The French minister said his country was "keen" to further develop ancient ties with Kuwait in political, military and other fields.

## Bangladeshis face starvation, disease

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Pakistan, the United States, Britain and Australia have already promised nearly \$1.5 million in rice and cash.

But officials say that relief supplies from abroad cannot start reaching the country in bulk until Ohaka airport reopens.

"The survival of an estimated 10 million people made homeless or stranded by the floods will depend much on how soon normal air traffic resumes," one relief official said.

At least 65 people have died of diarrhoea and dysentery caused by rotten food and contaminated water in the past week.

Doctors say thousands of families sheltering in overcrowded relief camps in Dhaka, huddling on river embankments or clinging to their flooded homes are threatened by starvation and disease.

**Supplies** President Hossain Mohammad Ershad said the country had 1.2 million tonnes of grain in stock and needed nearly three million tonnes in emergency supplies.

Anthony Kenedy, chief representative in Dhaka of the

## 8,000 dead in ...

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The Irish relief agency Concern yesterday sent eight lorries from Khartoum loaded with supplies for southern Kordofan.

Al Ayam said several hundred southerners had died of hunger and exhaustion while trying to walk 300 km (180 miles) to southern Kordofan from Wau, capital of Bahr Al Ghazal.

A group of Sudanese Catholic bishops said on Friday that up to 10,000 people could die in Torit, in the southern Equatorial Region bordering Uganda, if 250 tonnes of food did not get through immediately.

They quoted the local bishop as saying the town was besieged by the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) and an air drop was the only way to prevent mass deaths.

## Rebels

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) was due to meet SPLA members in Addis Ababa today to discuss a plan to send food and aid to six southern towns held by either the rebels or the Army.

The ICRC two weeks ago gave the guerrillas a final plan, drafted in February and stalled for months, which the Khartoum government has already approved.

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# Lee leads ruling party to a landslide victory

SINGAPORE: Sept 4, (Reuters): Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew led his ruling People's Action Party to a landslide election victory and said he would step down as premier after 30 years in office.

Lee, at a news conference today after the final results of yesterday's voting were announced, said he would step down as prime minister whenever his nominated successor Goh Chok Tong felt ready to take over.

"My successor ... can't judge me and have my seat," said Lee, who will be 65 years old on Sept 16.

## Ready

But Goh, the first Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister, said the time was not yet ripe. "Inside two years I'll be ready to gently nudge the prime minister out, or try anyway."

In yesterday's general election, held 15 months ahead of schedule, the ruling party won 80 of 81 seats at stake, 11 of them uncontested and captured 61.8 per cent of the vote, keeping its popularity level almost intact.

Only Chiam See Tong of the opposition Singapore Democratic Party who won re-election, was able to deny the ruling party a clean sweep.

## Non-Aligned Movement meeting

# Massive security alert in Cyprus

NICOSIA, Sept 4, (Reuters): Cyprus has ordered a massive security alert to protect foreign ministers gathering for a meeting of 99 states of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Officials said the conference opening in the capital Nicosia tomorrow would be the biggest ever held on the island and security was major concern.

Some 2,000 police has been mobilised to provide round-the-clock security for some 60 foreign ministers and 800 delegates.

Members of the island's crack anti-terrorist police staged exercises outside the new \$13-million conference centre last week.

Another police contingent mounted a trial "escort service" for ministers arriving at Larnaca airport on the southern coast, about 40 km (25 miles) from Nicosia.

The alert has been ordered because of several guerrilla incidents in Cyprus in recent years involving mainly Middle Eastern groups.

Last May a car bomb exploded on a road bridge in central Nicosia, killing three people. The nearby Israeli embassy was believed to have been the target.

In April, pro-Iranian radicals forced a hijacked Kuwaiti airliner to land in Larnaca and killed two hostages before taking off for Algiers.

An official at the conference centre said armed guards were already patrolling in and around the venue ahead of the meeting, which begins with senior officials meeting in preparatory sessions.

## Disgraced leader dies

MOSCOW, Sept 4, (Reuters): The death of retired Georgian Communist Party leader Vasily Mzhavanadze at age 85 has been reported in an official announcement which made no reference to his former rank and described him as a "pensioner."

The term is the same used to describe Nikita Khrushchev when he died in disgrace in 1971, seven years after his ouster as Soviet leader in a Kremlin coup.

Deng Xiaoping in declining health

BEIJING, Sept 4, (UPI): Senior Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, who turned 84 last month, is suffering a prostate problem and is declining health, a source close to the family said today.

Family friends said the veteran revolutionary has become increasingly reluctant to step outside in recent months, only emerging from his courtyard home in a sequestered Beijing lane to meet visiting heads of state or to attend major gatherings.

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Lee: ready to quit

The Worker's Party, Singapore's largest opposition party, suffered a major reverse in the defeat of former solicitor general and vehement government critic Francis Seow.

Seow, in his first attempt at politics, lost by 1,279 votes in a constituency of about 75,700 voters.

"It was a good fight, I wish, however, it had been a little cleaner," he told his supporters, referring to signed leaflets issued by the ruling party which questioned his moral and financial integrity.

Lee, who came to power in 1959, the year the island became a self-governing state after years of British rule, said his party's eighth consecutive election win was a solid mandate for the new generation of younger leaders.

"The transition is complete," he said.

The election heralded a changing of the guard for the party, 14 of whose veterans stepped down to make way for new candidates, most of them professionals in their 30s and 40s.

## Old

Lee was the only member of the old guard in the election line-up and the most popular. He won 79.4 per cent of the votes cast in his old Tanjong Pagar constituency, the best showing among 156 candidates who contested 70 seats.

Goh said he would prepare a new cabinet list in the next two to three days and present it to Lee for his approval.

In the last elections in 1984, the ruling party lost two of 79 seats at stake and its share of the vote dropped to 62.9 per cent from 75.6 per cent previously. It was the first time it had failed to sweep the board since independence in 1965.



Thousands of Burmese march through monsoon showers in Rangoon demanding democracy.

# US congressman in Burma to assess situation

RANGOON, Sept 4, (AP): US Congressman Stephen J. Solarz, a critic of authoritarian governments in Asia, arrived in Burma's capital yesterday where entrenched leaders continue to hold out against widespread opposition demanding a return to democracy.

Usually reliable sources said Solarz was to meet with President Maung Maung and key opposition figures, and Solarz said that he came to "see what, if anything, the United States can do to facilitate the peaceful emergence of a genuine democracy."

They said 12 people on the platform were wounded, three seriously, but said casualties were limited because the washing machines received the full force of the blast.

## Blame

There was no indication of who planted the bomb, but officials have blamed other explosions in the city and in areas near the Afghan border on agents of the Kabul government seeking to destabilise Pakistan which supports Muslim rebels fighting the Soviet-installed regime in Afghanistan.

A bomb blast on Tuesday killed three people, including a soldier, and injured 14 on a train in northwestern Attaw city.

## Cure for snoring

BELIJING, Sept 4, (Agencies): Chinese scientists claim to have a cure for snoring, nasal drops made from natural ingredients, the official China Daily said today.

The remedy, said to be 95 percent effective, is planned to go into mass production next month and would be exported, the paper added.

"Two drops of the medicine placed in the nostrils before going to bed can stop snoring," the paper quoted the Health Care Product Research Centre director Yang Yisong as saying. He said it was the first such developed in China.

Yang described the potion as "the best treatment, because it is not only effective but also convenient and easy to use."

Thousands watched as Roop Kanwar leapt into the flames last Sept 4, eight months after her marriage, and villagers grateful for the glory it brought this dusty corner of Rajasthan state planned a temple for the site of the death.

But isolated incidents still bring reverence and glorification from conservative Hindus who believe that the rite is the ultimate mark of a virtuous wife.

Indoors

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But today the villagers kept vigil at

the site where a faded yellow scarf hung on a trident, symbol of the deity Shiva. All around the village, volunteers pasted anti-sati posters.

So strong has been the government campaign in the obscure sugarcane growing village of Deorala that residents now deny the pride they appeared to take in the young girl's death.

The father and two brothers of Mal Singh, Roop Kanwar's 21-year-old husband, are charged with murder of the young widow, although they are now free on bail.

Mal Singh's father Sumer Singh Shekhawat, a school principal, said he had no memory of the day. "I became unconscious after bearing about the death of my son," he said.

"I don't know what happened. I think she committed sati of her own. I am sure the family tried to stop her."

When Roop Kanwar died the village was ecstatic. People chanted "sati is immortal" as the flames engulfed her, and at the time witnesses said she looked calm as she sat cradling her husband's head in her lap and chanting hymns.

The military officials, who cannot be identified under briefing rules, said the rebels used remote control explosives to blow up the military vehicle at

the site.

Leader wading into the waves flanked by a dozen muscular bodyguards has yet to appear this year.

He has referred increasingly to his own mortality in recent years, describing himself as "a setting sun" and telling one foreign visitor this summer that whether he was able to take his annual dip in the sea of Beidaihe would be proof of his health.

Watertight

Meeting with another foreign leader recently, Deng jokingly cited an ancient Chinese superstition which states that the ages of 73 and 84 are watershed years in a lifetime.

Deng has said he now works only two hours a day, leaving the chief tasks of government to his chosen successor, Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang. "I still put forward some ideas, but other people do the work," he said.

While Deng recently said he had "basically" completed the task of lining up his succession, he remains the supreme force in Chinese politics, a position he will probably hold until he dies.

Tanned

Deng, looking deeply tanned and fit, met with visiting Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita last week on his return from several weeks at the northern seaside beach resort of Beidaihe, the summer playground of China's leaders.

But the regular summer publicity shot of the diminutive

former defence minister who has re-emerged to lead calls for multi-party democracy.

Solarz chairs the Asian and Pacific affairs subcommittee of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee. He has spoken out in the past against repressive policies of former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and the ultra-radical Khmer Rouge that ruled Cambodia until late 1978.

Demonstrations

Diplomats say the international community has limited influence over Burma because it is a neutral nation without close allies. It also is extremely sensitive to what it considers foreign interference.

Japan and West Germany are the biggest aid donors. The United States has a relatively modest programme aimed largely at helping Rangoon combat opium production in the so-called "Golden Triangle" by aerial spraying of fields.

Students and other protest leaders have called for large-scale demonstrations on Sept 8 to press for an interim government to oversee the transition to a

multi-party system. Strikes and protests against the 26-year rule of the Burma Socialist Programme Party have been virtually daily events, and it was unclear what else activists could do.

The government wants the party leadership to meet Sept 12 to consider calling for a popular vote on ending one-party rule. The protesters want an interim government formed before then, but Maung Maung has rejected that, saying such a move would violate the constitution.

Burma has been under single-party rule since Gen Ne Win led a 1962 military coup that toppled an elected government.

On Friday, a Western diplomat in Rangoon cited reports that protesters have taken over some 40 town governments in recent weeks.

Another indication of the breakdown in order has been several jail riots, leading authorities to free thousands of inmates from overcrowded and damaged prisons. State-run Radio Rangoon said 486 prisoners were freed yesterday in the central city of Mandalay.

These ideas are meeting surprisingly strong opposition from Islamic groups and radical leftists. The misgivings prompted a recent decision to postpone until the first week of October a meeting of the 447-seat Palestine

# Hawke defeated in referendum

SYDNEY, Sept 4, (AP): Prime Minister Bob Hawke said today his defeat in yesterday's national referendum on constitutional change represented a lost opportunity for all Australians while the opposition claimed a major political victory.

Liberal Party leader John Howard said the referendum, which would have extended the present term of the government and broadened civil rights laws, was a waste of tax money.

"I'm sad that this opportunity, particularly in our bicentennial year when we are thinking of the past and considering the future, was not taken by the Australian people to bring changes," Hawke said.

Mal Singh's father Sumer Singh Shekhawat, a school principal, said he had no memory of the day. "I became unconscious after bearing about the death of my son," he said.

"I don't know what happened. I think she committed sati of her own. I am sure the family tried to stop her."

When Roop Kanwar died the village was ecstatic. People chanted "sati is immortal" as the flames engulfed her, and at the time witnesses said she looked calm as she sat cradling her husband's head in her lap and chanting hymns.

The military officials, who cannot be identified under briefing rules, said the rebels used remote control explosives to blow up the military vehicle at

the site.

Nine soldiers died on the spot and three were critically injured.

Sri Lankan Tamils, who make up 15 per cent of the country's 16 million people, are battling for an independent homeland in the north and east of the island nation.

The Tamils, who are Hindus, accuse the majority Sinhalese, who are Buddhists, of discrimination.

At least 8,500 people have died in the 3-year-old Tamil separatist campaign.

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Grant constitutional recognition to local government, which did not exist when the constitution came into force in 1901, at the time of federation.

Explicitly guarantee trial by jury, freedom of religion and fair compensation for land owners whose property is acquired by government. These rights are already practised by virtue of British law, which provides the basis of Australian legal system but are not in Australia's constitution.

Hawke had sought an extended term of government, saying the current three years does not allow any administration to carry out its policies effectively.

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Australia has 10.3 million eligible voters. Australians, whom polls show know little about their constitution, usually vote "no" in referendums. Only eight of 35 held since 1901 have succeeded.

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## Al Ghazali Road Project on schedule

A RESPONSIBLE source at the Ministry of Public Works has said that the Al Ghazali Road Project is proceeding satisfactorily and that the French contracting company which is carrying out the work is on schedule.

The project will improve and expand about 4.1 kilometres of the Ghazali Road and will extend from south of its junction with Jamal Abdul Naser Road to the junction with the 5th Ring Road.

A 1,850-metre flyover and a pedestrian bridge are also planned. The crossroads of Ghazali Street, Jahra Road and the 3rd Ring Road will be improved to facilitate the flow of traffic.

The source pointed out that work on the project began on June 10, 1985 and is expected to be completed in February, at a cost of about KD 31 million.

## Boodai Cargo wins award

BOODAI Aviation Cargo Division has won the Golden Cargo Award of Gulf Air as the number one cargo agent in Kuwait. They have also been nominated as the top cargo agent of Saudi Airlines.

Boodai Cargo has undergone tremendous growth and is now well-established and recognised on an international level, said Samer Darwish, manager of Boodai Aviation Cargo.

Boodai Cargo has also been appointed an exclusive member of the World Air Cargo Organisation.

## Kuwaitis, Danes urge commitment to peace

By Jadranka Porter

include visits to Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

He said Denmark will urge its partners in the European Economic Community to step up their role in the peace negotiations.

Discussions yesterday between the Danish minister and HH the Amir centred on the Gulf peace negotiations. Kuwaiti-Danish political and economic co-operation, EEC-GCC negotiations and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Ellemann-Jensen, who is winding up a two-day visit to Kuwait today, said Kuwait and Denmark agreed that the international community should show a stronger commitment to the peace process.

"We got a clear message from HH the Amir that the international community should not sit back and relax and leave the negotiations only to the parties concerned," said Ellemann-Jensen.

The Kuwaiti and Danish

officials agreed that the cooperation between the two countries should extend beyond a mere exchange of goods.

"We want our relations to go beyond the exchange of a barrel of oil for a case of cheese," said Ellemann-Jensen.

Discussing the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Danish minister said that developments in the occupied territories are threatening the peace process and are a breach of international law.

"We have told the Israelis so and will continue to say so," said Ellemann-Jensen.

"We hope that the moderates on both sides will gain sufficiently in strength so that the peace process can be furthered," he added. He also said Denmark supported plans for an international peace conference.



HH the Amir meets with Denmark's Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen (third from left).

## Law revisions urged

SEVERAL Kuwaiti lawyers yesterday stressed that the present law governing the legal profession in the country has several shortcomings.

The lawyers said that new law graduates should receive at least two years of training before being permitted to appear in courts. New lawyers should come under strict scrutiny, they added.

The lawyers also said the law does not provide adequate protection or stability for lawyers in Kuwait.

## Ahmadi ready for start of new academic year

THE director of Ahmadi Educational Area, Abdulla Al Lagman, has said that the area has completed preparations for the start of the new academic year tomorrow.

There are six new schools in the area. A number of classrooms are pre-fabricated, but these classrooms will be removed during the coming few years after more new schools are built in the governorate, he said.

Al Lagman also said that the newly-contracted Ministry of Education teachers have arrived in Kuwait, teachers of music and practical studies are still needed in the schools. The ministry is doing its best to find teachers for these subjects, he said.

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah briefed the ministers last week's visit to Kuwait by Iraqi First Deputy Premier Taha Yassin Ramadan and his meeting with HH the Amir.

The Iraqi official conveyed a message from President Saddam Hussein dealing with the Geneva talks.

Only offices, large halls, libraries and theatres have air-conditioning, he said. Classrooms only have fans.

## Mirghani ends visit

THE leader of the Sudanese Unionist Democratic Party, Mohammed Othman Al Mirghani and his accompanying delegation left Kuwait yesterday for Iraq after an eight-day visit at the invitation from HH the Amir.

During their stay in Kuwait, the Sudanese delegation met HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah and other high ranking officials.

Bilateral relations and ways of fostering them topped the talks, which also tackled the situation in Sudan following the flash floods in the country.

## Two American films blacklisted

THE Israeli Boycott Office in Kuwait yesterday announced in the official Gazette the blacklisting of two American films, "King Kong Lives" and "Times Square".

The CBS network distributed the first and Columbia Pictures the second. Both companies are blacklisted by the Israeli Boycott Office.

Additionally, 30 branches and affiliated companies of the US Dover Corp. were blacklisted. The corporation was blacklisted in July.

A Cypriot company, General Agency Import and Export was also blacklisted. The firm was originally the Famagusta General Agency which was blacklisted in 1957. A French company, Israeli Chemical, operating in France under the name Transphos (Stapone) was also added to the list.

A Cypriot vessel "Sea Maid" was blacklisted for visiting an Israeli port and carrying a shipment for Israel. The NHA staff who supervised the project was investigated

## Kuwait cabinet reviews international developments

THE Kuwaiti cabinet yesterday discussed the progress of Iran-Iraq peace negotiations in Geneva. State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rasheed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed said that the Council of Ministers hoped that negotiators will find practical formulas to apply the articles of Security Council Resolution 598 to ensure a lasting and comprehensive settlement and bring stability to the Gulf region.

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## Al Sane returns

KUWAIT Army's chief-of-staff came home yesterday after six days of defence talks in Moscow, the official Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported.

Major-General Mezyed Al Sane, who led a high-ranking military delegation to the Soviet Union, held talks there on boosting military co-operation KUNA said without elaborating.

Kuwait, which in the past bought most of its arms from the United States and other Western countries, purchased 245 armoured personnel carriers from the Soviet Union last June.

The Kuwaitis last month signed a 1.9-billion-dollar arms contract with Washington for 40 F-18 fighters equipped with anti-ship Maverick missiles.

## Saudis call for new spirit of peace

(Continued from Page 1)

stipulated that the non-belligerent Gulf states should be consulted by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to devise a "peace formula."

"Although we are not directly participating in the current negotiations under way between Iraq and Iran in Geneva under the auspices of the United Nations, the Security Council resolution clearly stipulates that the Gulf states have a role in guaranteeing freedom of navigation in the Gulf and in finding a formula that guarantees peace and stability for the region," he said in a statement reported by the Kuwait News Agency.

Kuwait, the closest Gulf state to the Iran-Iraq war zone, suffered the most from the conflict. Oman's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Yousef Al Alawi, who was in Tehran after the ceasefire took hold, said the GCC meeting will "concentrate on how to bolster and cement what Iraq and Iran have agreed upon under the aegis of the United Nations." He did not elaborate.

Al Alawi arrived in Saudi Arabia a day ahead of the session to deliver a message from Sultan Qaboos to King Fahd which was related to his mission to Tehran, diplomatic sources said.

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Bahrain's Foreign Minister, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Mubarak, expressed hope that the meeting would "crystallize a joint visualisation for the coming state, especially as the Iran-Iraq war is entering a new phase."

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The Amir of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani is shown at the opening of the Women's Hospital in Doha. The opening coincided with celebrations marking the 17th anniversary of Qatar's independence. (Qatar News Agency photo)

## Establishment of ties with Soviets not linked with 'Stinger crisis': Qatar

BEIRUT, Sept 4, (KUNA): The Amir of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani said his country's newly established relations with the Soviet Union are not a reaction to the crisis in relations with the United States.

"The decision to establish relations with the Soviet Union came after a careful study and lengthy contacts," Sheikh Khalifa told Al Ossou Al Arabi in an interview to be published Monday.

"This issue is not linked with the American position toward the Stinger missiles which Qatar has obtained," he emphasised.

In July, the US suspended all

talks with Qatar on economic and military co-operation because of Qatar's refusal to return land-to-air shoulder-fired Stinger missiles to the United States. The US claims that the Doha government obtained the missiles through an "illegal method."

Some published reports argue that Qatar's establishment of relations with the Soviet Union is the second. Both companies are blacklisted by the Israeli Boycott Office.

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## Classic examples of plagiarism

By Fathima Ahmed

**BOMBAY** filmmakers must have the dubious distinction of being blatant plagiarists. It wouldn't be so bad if credit was given to men/women who wrote the original films. Hindi filmmakers don't admit they look to the West for ideas, good or bad.

A classic example is Raakesh Roshan's *Khoon Bhari Maang*, a copy of the Australian soap opera *Return to Eden*.

Protagonist Aarti's murder in the lake when she is devoured by snarling crocodiles (but not killed) has been taken frame by frame from *Return to Eden*. Similarities abound in the film like Aarti's friendship with Nandini, who lets her down and deceives her; her husband's deception who plots to kill her to usurp her inheritance; Aarti's rescue by a hermit, who nurses her back to health and her transformation into, Jyoti, a stunning model, becoming the avenger. These are some stark reminders of the slick Australian version.

Of course, Roshan changes the script, when not necessary, to suit the Indian milieu and applies emotional blackmail. Aarti's children, who adored their stepfather, dread his anger after her disappearance. The children's fears and tears are supposed to touch your heart, particularly when Aarti alias Jyoti attends the parent's day meeting and bears them singing a childhood melody. One almost expects them to grow up while singing the number.



Rekha plays the good, the bad and the ugly in *Khoon Bhari Maang*.

Viewers are as anxious to see

the hostage drama end. It starts off after a chief minister is assassinated while speaking at a ceremony. The hitman (Raj Babbar) escapes with police in tow and hides in a house, taking a girl hostage.

And thus begins the wait and

watch game as the ruthless

killer commits a series of murders. The hapless policemen, led by the DSP (Nana Patekar) keep watch as politicians sabotage their plan to get re-

venge. Inside the house, the hostage, played by Pallavi Joshi, tries to rekindle some of the lost humanity in her conversations with the hit man. Nihalani has let the characters take over, allowing them to interpret complex emotions — fear, hope, and self-pity as he tackles the anguish of the victim's family.

Though Nihalani sustains interest in the hostage drama — and maintains momentum — he could not do the same with

the climax. In the final moment, we question Nihalani's needless inclusion of political corruption, and final justice meted out by the DSP, in a thriller.

Raj Babbar excels in anti-

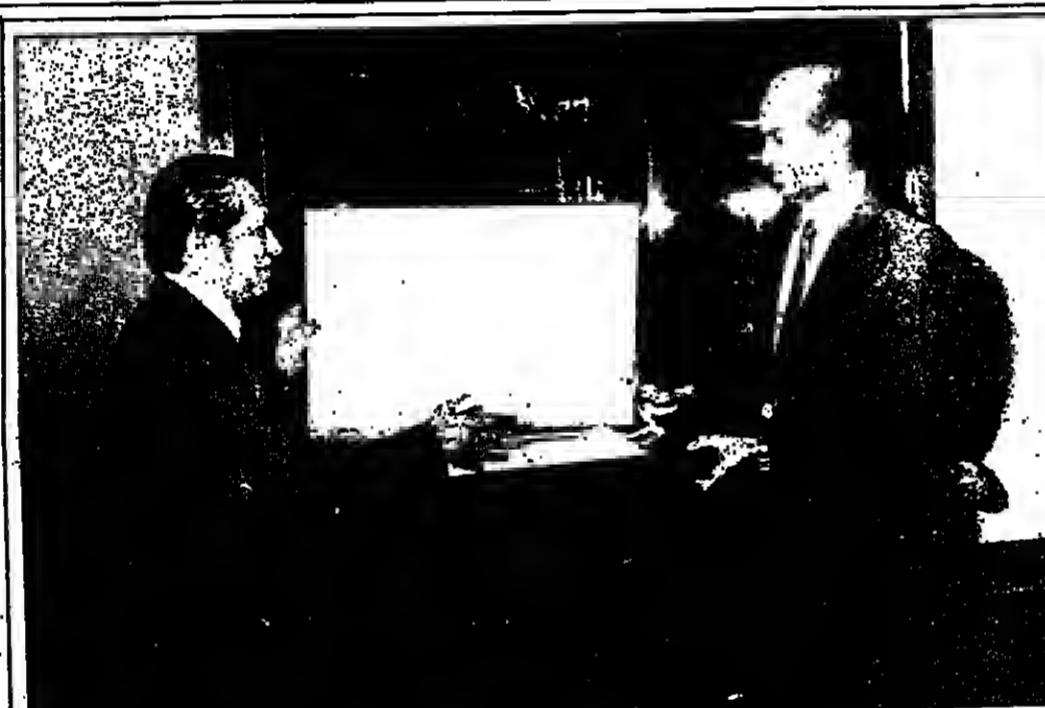
hero roles. He received rave reviews for playing the psychopathic rapist in his first film *Insaf Ki Tarazu*. In later movies, he tried playing the romantic and did lighthearted roles, but failed to repeat the initial success. Perhaps, Babbar

is remodeling his career and plumping headlong to become the odd man out. In recent films, for example, *Kanwari*, Babbar plays roles normally reserved for villains. It doesn't seem the actor is reversing roles — he seems to be tapping his talents for emoting, strongly evident in *Andha Yudh*.

The above films are by courtesy of Athari Video, Main St., Farwania. Tel: 471-2900.



Raj Babbar turns to an anti-hero role in *Andha Yudh*.



• The Ambassador of Sri Lanka, A.C.H. Mohammad, who is also the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, on Saturday hosted a reception at a local hotel to say goodbye to outgoing Somalian Ambassador, Mohammad S.M. Mallingur, who leaves Kuwait shortly. Above: Mohammad presenting a silver tray to Mallingur.

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

#### Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Fridays.

#### Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday thru Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

#### Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jahriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

#### EDUCATION

**British Council**  
The education adviser at the British Council, Mansouriya, will give a talk on "Bachelor Degrees in Britain" on Monday, Sept. 12, 6 pm. For further details tele. Mrs. Kate Barnes on 2515512/2533204.

#### MUSIC

#### Country Western Musical

The American Community Theatre is rounding up singers, dancers and musicians for their annual Country and Western musical, to be held at the end of September. Interested talents, contact Nancy Parker, 2523911/ext. 2346, 5725071 (evenings) or Nola Anderson 2428366.

**Sounds Great**  
Auditions will be held on Sept. 15-17 for singers and dancers for the next Sounds Great show, to be held at the Salmiyah cinema on Oct. 19-22. For details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870.

#### Indian Ballet

Narthana, a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent Mrs. Prameela Surendran, will stage a ballet, Panchavati, and a number of Nrithasilpas at its annual show, Nrithotsav, at the Indian Arts Circle, on Sept 22 at 7:00 pm. Admission will be strictly limited; for free passes, call 4813740.

#### Varca Sporting Centre

Varca Sporting Centre will hold their third annual social evening at the Tent, SAS hotel, on Sept 22 at 8:00 pm. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. For reservations and details, contact Roland 2430581 or James 5331940.

#### HOTELS

##### At Meesal Beach

Al Mubarakia restaurant, open 24 hours, offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a variety of snacks.

##### At the Continental

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food for dinner on Thursdays and at lunch on Fridays.

##### The Darbar

The Darbar offers lunch buffet every Thursday. A la carte for dinner.

##### At the Hilton

La Patisserie is promoting Kiwi fruit. On offer are Kiwi cakes, meringue, pies, cheesecakes, juices, milkshakes and sundae. Also enjoy freshly baked cakes, pastries and a variety of cold drinks and icecream creations. Open daily from 10.30 am to 10.45 pm. The promotion ends on Sept 16.

##### At the Kuwait Plaza

The Al Dabbab coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a setmenu mini-business lunch, icecream festival at the International Food Arcade, 4 to 10 pm; light snacks also available; open 10:00 am to 11:00 pm.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday.

Experience Italian hospitality in the Riccardo restaurant with live entertainment by the Sienna Duo. The Riccardo is closed for lunch on Friday.

##### At the Ramada

Al Bendar coffee shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to midnight, a la carte available.

##### Goan Fiesta 88

The Goan Fiesta 88 will be held on Thursday, Oct 13, to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Young Goans Association. It will take place at the Messilah Beach Hotel's

##### Sports

Sailing — KOSA Open Day  
K.O.S.A. — the Kuwait Offshore Sailing Association — will hold an Open Day at Shaab Yacht Club on Friday, Sept 9, from 1400 hours. Anyone

interested in offshore sailing are invited to attend and enjoy an afternoon of sailing followed by a BBQ. For details contact John Waters or Frank Graham on tele: 5326145 or 2468484.

#### IVth Winners Cup

cricket tournament. The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa. Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 5-8 pm. The draw will be held on Friday, Aug 26, at 9 am at the Kuwait Lanka Restaurant, Fahad.

#### Feed the World

##### Sports Aid

Sports Aid '88 calling all runners/walkers to join the worldwide synchronised event to be held in Kuwait on Sunday, Sept 11. Start: 6 pm. Run or walk a minimum of one km or a maximum of 10 km. For details contact 5624111 ext. 751. PBAK Meeting

The officers of the Philipines Bowlers Association in Kuwait will hold a meeting on Monday, Sept 5, at Far East Restaurant at 7.45 pm sharp.

Topics to be discussed include forthcoming PBAK inter-commercial bowling tournament to be held on Sept 9 at 300 Club at 9 am. Revised rules and regulations will be distributed to all team captains. Fees must be settled. All team captains are requested to attend the meeting. For details contact PBAK director Sarah Macarimbang, tel: 4843447.

##### Boy's Own Club

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interested in offshore sailing are invited to attend and enjoy an afternoon of sailing followed by a BBQ. For details contact John Waters or Frank Graham on tele: 5326145 or 2468484.

#### IVth Winners Cup

cricket tournament. The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa. Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 5-8 pm. The draw will be held on Friday, Aug 26, at 9 am at the Kuwait Lanka Restaurant, Fahad.

#### Feed the World

##### Sports Aid

Sports Aid '88 calling all runners/walkers to join the worldwide synchronised event to be held in Kuwait on Sunday, Sept 11. Start: 6 pm. Run or walk a minimum of one km or a maximum of 10 km. For details contact 5624111 ext. 751. PBAK Meeting

The officers of the Philipines Bowlers Association in Kuwait will hold a meeting on Monday, Sept 5, at Far East Restaurant at 7.45 pm sharp.

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### KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Good Morning  
9.30 Tales from Around the World: The Golden Gazelle — cartoon serial

10.15 8 Harat Al Bahar: episode 9, daily serial  
11.15 Al Raheeb: local series, ep. 4, featuring Suad, Abdulla, Gharem, Al Saleh, Maryam, Al Saleh; Khalid Al Nafisi, Ali Burakli

12.15 Documentary  
1.00 News Summary

1.35 World News via Satellite  
1.35 Summer Clubs  
2.35 Araq Al Daliyah: Arabic series

3.35 Heidi: cartoon serial  
4.15 Football: replay of Kuwait vs Iran match, played for the 1980 Asian Games.

7.10 Alwan: presented by Rohat Al Farah  
8.30 Wa Qatal Al Arab: daily series

9.00 News in Arabic  
9.50 Al Sakia Tadawar: daily serial

10.50 Adam wa Hawa: Arabic feature film, starring: Hussein Sadiq, Laila Murad, Ismael Yaseen, Mary

Laila Murad stars in tonight's Arabic feature film, Adam wa Hawa, 10.50 pm on KTV 1.

### KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Gitar: cartoons  
6.30 The Craft of the Weaver: "Rugs." Faye Morgan explains the working of a loom and Oates examines the colour and texture of rugs.  
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news and

regional events. Charles-in-Charge: "Discipline." After an argument with a woman, Charles cuts himself off from them.

8.00 News in English  
8.40 Miami Vice: "Down for the Count." Part 2. The Squad step up efforts after a police informer is killed by the mob.

9.40 Private Benjamin: "For the Love of Judy." Judy receives unwelcome attention from a soldier and decides to take action against him.

10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Hitchcock returns with another spine-chilling tale.

10.30 The Equalizer: "A six-year-old child's desperate plea for help spoils McCall's plans to spend a quiet Christmas. Starring: Edward Woodward.

11.30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



The Miami Vice squad steps up efforts to solve a case, 8.40 pm on KTV 2 tonight.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

### BBC World Services

0000 World News

09 Newsabout Britain

15 Radio Newsed

30 Religious Service

0100 News Summary followed by From Raj to Rajiv

45 Without Strings (ex 26th)

0200 World News

09 British Press Review

15 Pebbles' Choice

30 Science in Action

0300 World News

09 News about Britain

15 Good Books

30 Anything Goes

0400 Newsdesk

30 5th and 12th Where Angels

Fear to Tread; 19th and 26th

## ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

WHENEVER you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth — Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Scottish writer (1859-1930).

## Sino-Soviet talks

## Progress, but no breakthrough

By Guy Dimmore

BEIJING, (Reuter): Sino-Soviet talks this week on Kampuchea made progress but apparently no breakthrough in settling the 10-year-old conflict or normalising relations between Beijing and Moscow, diplomats said on Friday.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Rogachev said shortly before leaving Beijing that he was very satisfied with the week-long negotiations.

For the Chinese, Deputy Foreign Minister Tian Zengpei said, the meetings were significant.

Both sides said the unprecedented talks helped mutual understanding but that despite finding common ground, differences remained.

Sources close to China pressed the Soviet Union to get its ally Vietnam out of Kampuchea, while Moscow said China's support for the Khmer Rouge guerrillas was an obstacle to an early withdrawal.

## Discuss

The only concrete result of the talks disclosed to reporters was the intention of Soviet and Chinese foreign ministers to discuss Kampuchea when they hold their annual meeting at the United Nations in New York later this month.

A Soviet source said Rogachev skipped a Thursday banquet hosted for him by the Soviet embassy for a last round of unscheduled talks with Tian. A tired-looking Rogachev told reporters he wanted to sleep and had worked until 5:30 am.

"Yes, there was some progress but no breakthrough," a Western diplomat commented after analysing what he described as positive but cautious statements made by both sides.

A Vietnamese diplomat, who asked not to be identified, said the talks were the beginning of a Sino-Soviet rapprochement but there were still many differences.

"We are optimistic. The process for a Kampuchea settlement has been set in motion," he commented.

The official repeated Vietnam's position that it would

## Brazil's constitution may affect economy

By Roger Atwood

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withdraw its troops from Kampuchea in 1990. If a political settlement was reached then Hanoi could pull out in 1989.

Rogachev said he hoped Vietnam would complete its withdrawal next year. He said Moscow was in regular contact with the Vietnamese but declined to comment on how the Soviet Union would approach its ally.

Vietnam, which is heavily dependent on Soviet military and financial aid, invaded Kampuchea in 1978 to oust the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge, which stand accused of genocide during their four-year rule.

Rogachev said Moscow proposed that Indonesia hold as soon as possible "a second bogor" — a reference to July's unprecedented meeting of the four warring Kampuchean factions and Vietnam.

The Vietnamese diplomat said Hanoi favoured a second meeting. "The next logical step is a meeting between the Soviets and Vietnam," an Asian diplomat said. "They will not just put pressure on Vietnam, which is a very independent minded country, but also use encouragement."

**Progress**

"Progress was made but enough to warrant a joint communique or a summit," another Asian diplomat commented.

China has rebuffed several offers of a summit meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, saying Moscow must first "urge" Vietnam to withdraw its estimated 100,000 troops from Kampuchea.

Sino-Soviet trade and cultural exchanges have grown rapidly in recent years but relations between the ruling communist parties have not been normalised since the rift of 1960s.

The last top-level Sino-Soviet summit was in 1959 when Mao Tse-Tung met Nikita Khrushchev.

A Soviet source said there was "a good chance" that Chinese and Soviet foreign ministers would meet outside the United Nations next year to prepare a summit between Gorbachev and Chinese Communist Party General Secretary Zhao Ziyang.

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## Sudan in total mess after flood disaster

By Philip Williams

water. At least 220 were injured. The toll continues to rise.

But the floods are only the last straw of a nationwide mess that is feeding growing anger and desperation among normally phlegmatic Sudanese, incredulous at the chaos which surrounds them.

"The rain simply swept everything over the edge," said a Western diplomat of the disastrous August floods. "It is difficult to see how Sudan can get through this crisis without long-term political consequences."

"The airline doesn't work any more," said an airport taxi driver. "It's like Sudan. It doesn't work either."

That was true even before the rains of Aug 4 which in one night dumped more water onto a country paralysed by drought than fell on Africa's largest and arguably poorest nation in the whole of 1987.

Khartoum streets simply melted away. An estimated one million people were left destitute and homeless in the capital alone. At least 106,000 houses, some little more than lean-to huts and most made of mud-clay, dissolved or collapsed under tons of water and waves of stinking slime.

More than 70 people died, dozens of them electrocuted as power lines collapsed into the



Sadiq Al Mahdi

currency was driving the value of the Sudanese pound down daily. "Factories were grinding to a halt for want of machine parts."

"This disaster could not have at a worse time," said a senior aid worker. "It has exposed how completely inadequate the government structure is."

The beleaguered Sudanese government complained bitterly about Western coverage of the crisis and blamed foreign media for allegations of corruption and favouritism in its handling of the flood crisis.

But Prime Minister Sadiq Al

Mahdi and his colleagues have been attacked at least as hard by the country's own, startlingly independent Arabic newspapers.

Now the city is faced with a massive health headache. Cholera, typhus and measles stalk 700,000 already emaciated black refugees who fled civil war fighting in the south for two years in squalid shanty towns fringing Muslim, Arabic-speaking

Khartoum.

Huge swaths of the northern suburbs were turned into lakes of fetid water mixed with raw sewage from shattered pipes, all cooked to a festering, tepid stew by the sun.

## Paralysis

After 10 days of near-complete paralysis, the government and Army-run relief effort began to trickle out help, first in the better-off suburban areas and then, eventually, to the desperate southern shanty dwellers. Public anger at the tardiness of the emergency operation was intense.

Stones were buried at Sadiq, who maintained an astonishingly low profile throughout the crisis and provoked speculation about his grip on power, when he attempted to visit one Omdurman disaster site.

Foreign aid funds, tents, food and drugs poured into Khartoum by air, more than 200 relief flights, most from "brother" Arab states. But "this is all a drop in the ocean compared with our needs," said a senior member of parliament. Aid workers estimated only 10 per cent of the food, medical and housing needs of the 700,000 desperately poor southerners — marooned under plastic bags, curtains and tablecloths on high-ground islands amid the filth — could possibly be met by the relief operation, which will last months if enough international money is forthcoming.

## Problem

"The government tried for two years to pretend that the southern refugees didn't exist," said a Sudanese expert. "Now at least it must acknowledge that it has a problem with them."

And there is still more.

On top of a 5-year-old civil war, drought, destitute refugees and a deluge of mud and water, a fifth plague of Biblical proportions will strike hapless Sudan within 30 days — locusts.

Countless billions of desert locust larvae carpet the more fertile, millet-growing areas of the dry, western provinces of Darfur

and Kordofan.

Massive swarms of adult insects — 41 swarms, covering thousands of square miles (km) — invaded Sudan from Chad. The larvae they left behind are hatching into "hoppers," which will feed on the millet shoots until 30 days after hatching, they turn into voracious adults and begin eating everything that grows.

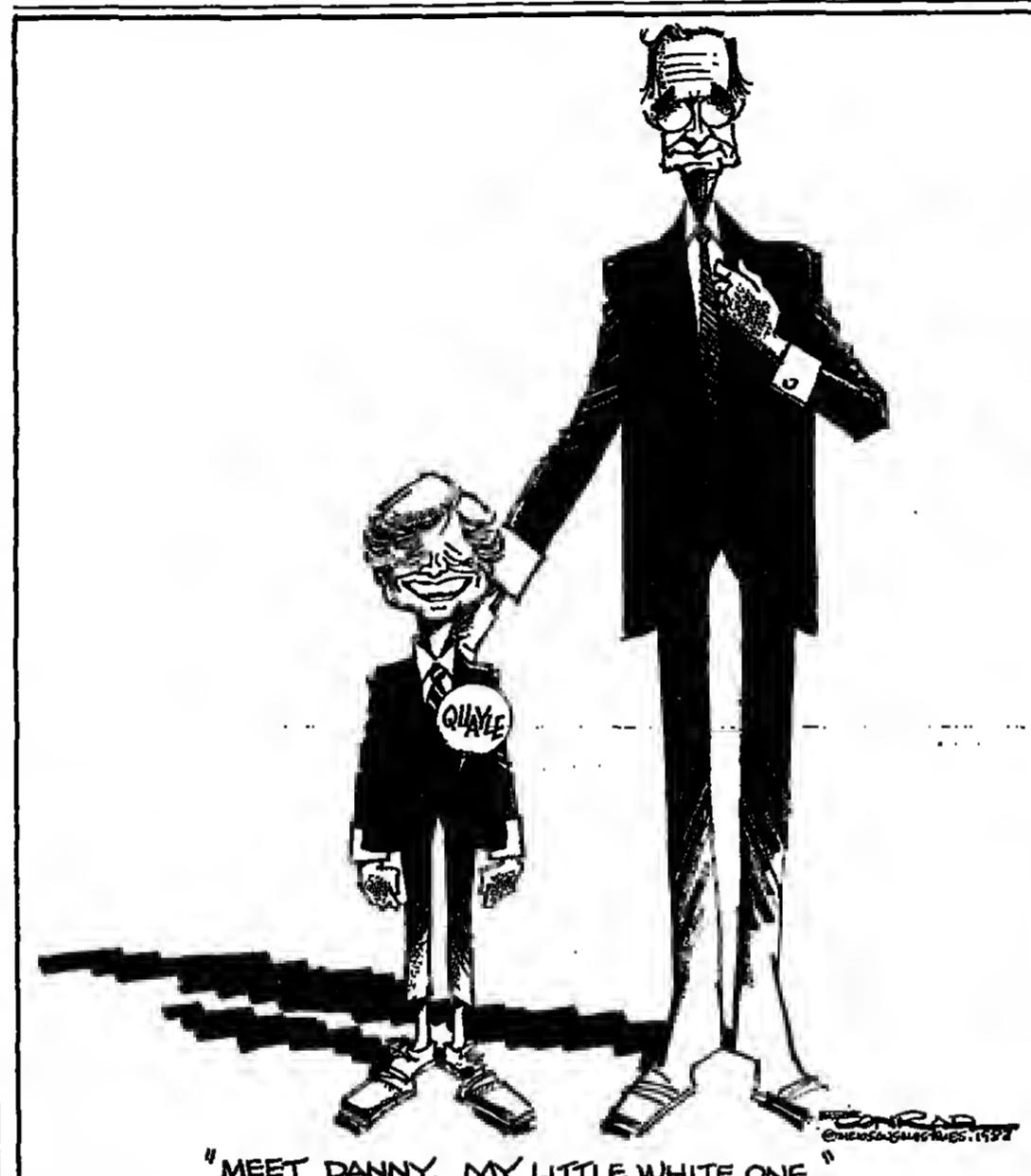
Experts say past experience shows they will devastate their way across central Sudan, wreak havoc in the key, central Gezira irrigated food-growing areas, then settle to multiply again on traditional breeding grounds on the Red Sea coast of northern Ethiopia.

"They are going to raise Cain and do a lot of damage," said an agricultural expert in Khartoum.

"Nothing can be done to prevent them swarming and then moving. The only question is how big the swarms are going to be."

**Campaign**

The United States Agency for International Development is putting up two-thirds of the \$3.7 million needed for an eradication campaign of aerial spraying, but admits the programme can only ameliorate the problem, not eliminate it.



"MEET DANNY, MY LITTLE WHITE ONE."

## Bush turns tiger in the campaign

By Arthur Spiegelman

DETROIT, (Reuter): Vice-President George Bush is waging psychological warfare day after day against his Democratic rival for the presidency, Michael Dukakis, with many of his attacks clearly getting under the Massachusetts governor's skin.

The "Mr Nice Guy" of American politics has turned tiger on the campaign trail.

Bush, 64, was supposed to be the "wimp" or weakling in the presidential campaign.

Living for eight years in the shadow of Ronald Reagan, the well-bred often inarticulate Bush

afford

He tells audiences that America cannot afford to elect "another liberal governor coming out of nowhere," a reference to Jimmy Carter, a president whose name still chills many voters.

The journalist accompanying

Bush has now emerged as a fighter in his own right.

Since wrapping up the Republican presidential nomination two weeks ago, he has been criss-crossing the country making speeches with one major aim — ruse public doubts about the relatively unknown Dukakis's capacity to be president.

Bush paints himself as strong, patriotic and caring and draws an unflattering picture of Dukakis as weak, appeasing and dangerous in the hard world of international politics. To audiences at Army bases and ex-servicemen's clubs, he says Dukakis has opposed every weapon system since the sling shot.

Bush has even made the pledge of allegiance to the US flag a political issue. He accuses Dukakis of foolishly vetoing a bill that would have ordered teachers in Massachusetts to lead their classes in the pledge.

"I am not questioning his patriotism. I'm questioning his judgment," Bush says.

## Doubts

The idea is to raise enough doubts about Dukakis's character, experience and ability to win the votes of the millions of Democrats who trooped to the polls and voted Reagan into office for two terms.

They are called the "Reagan Democrats" and they could hold the key to who wins the White House on Nov 8.

They are a major reason why Bush has gone on the offensive on the campaign trail.

But another reason might be that his surprise choice of right-wing Indiana Senator Dan Quayle as his running mate has backfired in the short term.

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By Victor Davis

CINEMA-OWNERS, battered by a run of historical romance flops, once cabled Hollywood studios: Send no more movies where the men wear lace cuffs and write with quill pens.

One film location in the shadow of Windsor Castle recently Lord Lew Grade set out to defy this show business taboo.

His secret weapon is an 87-year-old woman who has a taste for gallon-sized hats, false eyelashes, the colour pink, glamour and gossip.

She also looks severely upon those she deems to be 'beige persons' — ie colourless.

A large number of well-known British actors are praying that they will not qualify for this latter version of damnation when Miss Barbara Cartland, marathon novelist and national monument, visits them.

They are currently cavorting on the set at Windsor Great Park — by kind permission of the Queen herself — sporting lace cuffs and quills in Lord Grade's film of Miss Cartland's Carolean epic *Dangerous Love*.

It is an amazing fact that although the indefatigable Miss Cartland has written 450 romantic novels, nobody thought to turn any into films before Lord Lew decided to be that there was an audience out there hungering for dastardly villains and milk-white maidens.

Shrewd Lew was proved right last year.

His £4 million TV movie of a Cartland Regency swashbuckler *Hazard of Hearts* — originally entitled *Cupid Rides Pillion* 40 years ago — came second on TV viewing charts in America on Boxing Day and is a British video best-seller prior to a BBC airing.

Now he has put £6 million into *Dangerous Love* and optioned all 450 of her other romances.

#### Deal

Miss Cartland goes with the deal. It is a terrible situation to interfere with production as much as possible.

Happily she is unlikely to find any 'beige' persons on the set of *Dangerous Love*.

There is Sir John Mills, a convincingly Imperial Red and Navy blue in his time, Oliver Reed (definitely wine-coloured) and Christopher Cazenove (Old Etonian, so the

## Queen of romance makes her grand screen entrance

colour of his tie at very least is all right). The others, from a sort of Green Room hall of fame, include Michael York, Claire Bloom, Emma Samms and Gordon Jackson (playing a groom, so he's still *Downstairs*).

Lysette Anthony plays the latest rosy, peachy and creamy Cartland heroine.

'Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful!' trills the encircled authoress from her stately home, Camfield Place, Hatfield, Herts (pronounced hearts) reviewing the cast list.

'Ah, Lysette now, is very pretty, with big eyes and the sort of face you can do things with,' she said in breathless, girlish surges of conversation.

She lowered her voice. 'I don't see why I shouldn't tell you. In the first film, the women's dresses were too high.'

'They don't read their history books, you see. They never do.'

'Dangerous Love' is set in Charles II's time and he demands decolletage. So I've told them that, whatever happens, I want my low dresses.'

Commented Emma Samms on the set: 'I had a real shock when I saw the plunge.'

'Still, as I'm playing King Charles's mistress, I suppose it's called for. But they are certainly the lowest I've ever worn.'

'We wouldn't dare go as far in *Dynasty*.

Lysette Anthony, gorgeously arrayed in blue, with golden ringlets, said: 'The



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whole thing is such a boot.'

'I was summoned to tea with Miss Cartland to see if I passed muster. She whipped off my hat and said: "Let's have a good look at you, dear."

'Afterwards, she sent me a



Emma Samms and Michael York in a scene from the film.

## Is Meryl Streep suffering from overdrive?

Alan Stanbrook maintains that the two-time Oscar winner has lost the artful simplicity of her earlier work, in her quest for meatier roles.

SOMETHING ought to be done about Meryl Streep.

Nowadays she put on funny accents and all kinds of disfiguring make-up and only plays the kind of meaty roles that look as if they might lasso her another Academy Award.

We've heard her as a German-speaking Pole in *Sophie's Choice*, a Dane in *Out of Africa* or Africa, as she chooses to pronounce it in the film; we've even heard her as a neurotic Home Counties society hostess with a wartime career in the Resistance in *Plenty*.

She's currently seen in the made-for-the-cinema film *Ironweed*. That's the one where, swaddled in rags, with rotten teeth and a permanent runny nose, she masquerades as a drop-out of the Depression years. And she gets to belt out the song "My Pal" at a barroom piano as if she were Marie Lloyd wowing them in variety.

It's a camera-hugging performance, in flagrant competition with her co-star, that other invertebrate scene-stealer, Jack Nicholson. What happened in the 11 years between these films is that Meryl Streep won two Oscars (for *Kramer vs Kramer* and *Sophie's Choice*) and became a very grand star indeed, with mannerisms to match.

She made *Plenty* with the Australian director Fred Schepisi, with whom she has been working again on the recently completed *Evil Angels*, though that may not be its final title — it's had several to date.

It is based on the real-life case of an Australian housewife convicted (but later pardoned) of murder because the court would not believe that her baby could have been carried off by a wild dingo near Ayers Rock.

This will no doubt give her a

chance to practice her Strine and wear make-up (for misery) make-up; it may even, perhaps, win her another Oscar nomination.

You see, Meryl Streep has joined the monstre sacre club — along with Bette Davis, Joan Crawford and Anne Bancroft, all actresses who, given half a chance, roar through their roles in overdrive.

They were always so grand that nobody had the nerve to tell them to slow down, to pitch it a little lower and quieter.

Meryl Streep has long lost contact with the small, telling gesture. You could see them in embryo in *The Deadliest Season* and within a year of that film they were all over the cinema screens in a sudden puff of eye-catching *Ironweed*.

This phase of her career reached its peak with Kramer vs. Kramer and *The French Lieutenant's Woman* — two hypnotic performances built up out of tiny, expressive gestures.

You could often tell what the character was thinking simply by the way she stood or sat. It was a new type of realistic acting and deservedly won her her first Oscar (a supporting one) for Kramer vs. Kramer.

It all went wrong after that. In *Still of the Night* and the more recent *Hearthburn* she was no longer an actress but a star. In the old days, you could have imagined Joan or Bette or Olivia de Havilland in the parts.

Rot

You can see the rot spreading in *Silkwood*, where she played a working girl irradiated in a plutonium factory. She's so aggressively prolethic it isn't true.

Look around her at some of the other actors playing "plebs", especially Cher (before she, too, hit the Oscar trail). They speak as roughly as Meryl Streep, but they don't stink the air with their cigarettes, swagger around the set and stand with arms akimbo like a gladiator daring the lions to do their worst.

There may yet be hope for Meryl Streep. Reunited with Robert De Niro in *Falling in Love*, she briefly recaptured the artful simplicity we all admired in her early work. Unfortunately, the film was not a big commercial hit. They won't be making movies like that again for a while.

Meryl Streep: in the same class as Bette Davis, Joan Crawford



Streep plays a down-and-out in *Ironweed*.

cameo roles: in *The Seduction of Joe Tynan* (as a political groupie), in *Manhattan* (as Woody Allen's lesbian ex-wife) and in *The Deer Hunter* (as the 'love interest', a potentially thankless assignment which she transformed into a role matching Robert De Niro's in *Stevie* and *Ironweed*).

She adds: "I don't think any teen film can be made in the future that plays fast and loose with sex. AIDS is just too overwhelming, too deadly a problem of anyone in our business not to face responsibly."

That's something the film's stunning star Lea Thompson certainly agrees with.

She says of the film: "It shows that despite all of the confusion and the misunderstanding, love will survive in the end."

## AIDS puts a dampener on casual sex

By Jilly Weber

IN the past, casual sex has definitely been IN. Now, with the threat of AIDS it is certainly OUT.

But the makers of the new movie *Casual Sex?* will no doubt be hoping that it is about to make a big comeback ... if only on the screen.

And with sexy co-stars Stacey, played by Lea Thompson and Melissa played by Victoria Jackson, they are in with a good chance.

The movie is set against the plush surroundings of an exclusive health resort. Suddenly Stacey and Melissa are forced to confront the ever-changing social and sexual attitudes of the 1980's.

And not surprisingly it is set in Hollywood — home not only of movies but also of AIDS.

The action sees Melissa and Stacey confronted by several men who add to their bewilderment about modern dating and romance.

Vinny played by Andrew Dice Clay, a hawkeye pick up artist, Nick, played by Stephen Shellen, a songwriter dreaming of fame and wealth, Matthew (Peter Dvorsky), a pompous psychologist and Jamie played by Jerry Levine, the health club's exercise instructor, are the men they have to face.

Off screen, however, the actors saw their roles somewhat differently.

Close says she is sure reviewers will compare her role as the wicked Marquise de Merleuil with the *Visconti de Walmont*, played by American actor-director John Malkovich, to seduce a virtuous married woman in a deviant revenge on a lover who has jilted her.

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ago when she was working as an actress on the New York stage, before her film debut in *Garp* and her widely-praised role in *The Big Chill*.

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Glenn Close (left) in a scene from *Fatal Attraction*.

## After Fatal Attraction, a dangerous liaison

By Barbara Bright

PARIS. (Reuters): Actress

Glenn Close, whose knife-wielding vengeance as the woman spurned appalled millions in *Fatal Attraction*, has turned to subtler sexual revenge as the star of an erotic 18th century French novel being filmed near Paris.

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"Les Liaisons Dangereuses" has recently been revived as a

hit stage play on three continents, and a rival film directed by Czechoslovak Milos Forman of *Amadeus* fame, is also in the works.

In the story, Merleuil dares her former lover the Visconti de Walmont, played by American actor-director John Malkovich, to seduce a virtuous married woman in a deviant revenge on a lover who has jilted her.

Close read the novel 10 years

ago when she was working as an actress on the New York stage, before her film debut in *Garp* and her widely-praised role in *The Big Chill*.

"It scared me,"

she said in an interview outside of the Versailles chateau that was the home of one of Louis XIV's mistresses, Madame du Barry.

The white-stone palace, now the Versailles Chamber of Commerce, is one of a dozen 18th century chateaux whose gilded rooms and sweeping gardens serve as backdrop for the *rick costume drama*.

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Breaking a bastion of male supremacy

## Modern queen in world's oldest monarchy

DENMARK'S reigning Queen Margrethe II is a highly contemporary representative of the world's oldest monarchy with ancestral links stretching back 1,000 years.

Queen Margrethe acceded to the throne in 1972, when at the age of 31 — following new rules laid down in 1953 concerning female succession — she succeeded her late father King Frederik IX. With the sole exception of Queen Margrethe I (1375-1412), all prior monarchs had been male.

That a pretty and talented young princess should break with the 560-year-old tradition of male supremacy in the Danish monarchy was felt by the vast majority of the Danish people as a refreshing inauguration of a new era — with equal rights for men and women.

Quite apart from all the goodwill surrounding her accession to the throne, Queen Margrethe has succeeded in distinguishing herself as an active and vital person in today's Denmark; she combines a pronounced ability to live up to the duties of her high office with an understanding of what motivates the ordinary citizen.

Thanks to these qualities, Queen Margrethe on several occasions has won first place, when Gallup opinion polls had the task of finding the most popular Dame.

### Distinguished

Winning such a distinguished place in the mind of the ordinary Dane owes much — among many other qualities — to the deeply committed New Year speeches that Queen Margrethe holds each year on radio and television, and in which she often has appealed for compassion and goodwill towards the weaker in society.

Also contributing to the fondness felt towards Queen Margrethe are her obviously creative and artistic talents, which have found particular



Her Majesty, Queen Margrethe II of Denmark. Her accession to the throne broke a 560-year-old tradition of male supremacy in the Danish monarchy.

expression in the illustrative areas. In 1977-78, she contributed 70 drawings for J.R. Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings" and has since illustrated diverse Danish works. One year she festively composed the "Christmas seals," which all Danes add to the normal stamps on their Yule letters. Queen Margrethe's latest creation in this area were the stamps used by the Danish postal services in 1985 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Denmark's liberation from

Nazi occupation. The Queen, together with her consort, Prince Henrik, has translated Simone de Beauvoir's "All Men are Mortal" from French into Danish. The Queen and Prince, as they themselves have said, had "used the long dark winter evenings at the royal palace to amuse themselves by translating this fine French prose into Danish."

Queen Margrethe (Alexandrine, Thorhildur, Ingrid) was born on April 16, 1940, the first child of King Frederik IX and



Queen Margrethe, with Prince Henrik (right) and their two sons.

Queen Ingrid. The event occurred just one week after the Germans had occupied Denmark, and the birth of the princess was seen by many Danes as a ray of light in the dark.

During one of her many tours of study abroad, Princess Margrethe met in London the young French Count Henri de Laborde de Monpezat, who was at the time attached to the French embassy there, and, as the Queen declared in a later television interview, it was love at first sight. "The horizon was all flame," she said and they were married in Copenhagen in 1967.

The royal couple have two sons, Crown Prince Frederik (the heir to the throne), born in 1968, and Prince Joachim, born in 1969. The Queen's days are filled with the strenuous duties of her position. She presides over meetings of Council of State, where all legislation is put forward. Beyond this her tasks are largely of a representative nature. She receives new ambassadors and foreign heads of state visiting Denmark, and together with Prince Henrik she undertakes official visits to other countries, in 1987 as far as Australia.

The royal family's official residence in Copenhagen is the Amalienborg Palace — alternating during the summer months with Fredensborg Palace in North Zealand and Marselisborg in Aarhus. Queen Ingrid's summer residence is Grasten Palace in South Jutland. The royal couple often sail during the summertime in the royal yacht Dannebrog.



Selling soap for over six decades: (left to right) Clara Bow, Ginger Rogers, Barbara Stanwyck, Elizabeth Taylor, Joan Collins and Raquel Welch

## Changing image of the ideal soap star

For the last sixty years, the makers of Lux soap have linked the mass market product to the screen goddesses of the day. But during those six decades advertisers have radically altered their perceptions of women: instead of the 'guilt-ridden, humourless, male-dominated' woman of the 20's we now have the 80's woman — 'narcissistic with a streak of exhibitionism, unpredictable, determined and resilient.'

By Diana Hutchinson

SEXLESS, guilt-ridden and male-dominated, with no sense of humour and the intellectual grasp of a child. That is the astonishing picture advertisers held of women 60 years ago — and went on holding into the Swinging Sixties.

She was the kind of person who, when Ginger Rogers told her in a 1930s' bubble caption that washing her face with Lux day and night would bring romance, actually believed it.

But advertisers have altered their perceptions over the decades. Today's woman is seen as 'narcissistic with a streak of exhibitionism, unpredictable, determined and resilient'. That is according to Judie Launton, the research director of J. Walter Thompson, the advertising agency which has kept the Lux account for 60 years.

### Secret

'The concept was always to link the world's first mass-market soap with the screen goddesses of the day,' she says. 'But the way JWT viewed women and their self-perceptions couldn't have changed more dramatically.'

In 1928, when the first campaign began, women were seen as permanently grateful to someone — children, husbands or salesmen — and riddled with secret anxieties about germs, dirt and other people's concern.

Even though they were selling soap, there could be no reference to the allure of the female body or any hint that a woman could be remotely interested in activities of a sexual nature.

Judie says: 'Advertising stayed in the drawing room. Sex began and ended with romance. The central premise lay in the careful design of a plot to capture a man.'

So, fantasy stars like sultry Pola Negri and Clara Bow, the 'it' girls, were the unlikely choice to sell soap. And Barbara Stanwyck, a wholesomely-looking lady to whom dramas occurred. 'Women,' says Judie, 'were reduced to fantasising on a grand mythical scale.'

War-time heroines didn't sell sex with the soap. They were the untouchable pin-ups, like Betty Grable and Rita Hayworth, or the stand-by-your-man variety like Gracie Fields. The hiring of Vera Lynn to feature in an ad campaign was the masterstroke of 1943.

### Powerful

In the Fifties, the demure and ladylike Grace Kelly and Audrey Hepburn were judged the stars most women wanted to be like. Elizabeth Taylor, then 20, also appeared looking like an innocent teenager. Five years later, an extremely fresh-faced Joan Collins set the tone for the new adverts.

Market research had told advertisers women didn't

believe in themselves; their status and success was dependent on men. Their bodies were 'hidden' by their clothes, hairstyle and make-up. But they had a greater sense of outer beauty and glamour. They saw themselves as a piece of brilliant jewellery belonging to a man,' Judie says.

Other people still came first. The dream job was to be an air stewardess. It was a chance to rub shoulders with luxury and to see the world, but remain in the role of a servant to men.

It was in the Sixties that radical change began, and women demanded a say both at work and in the home. Advertising changed so the star image was no longer someone impossibly far above them, but more in the role of a friend. Positive women's women like Julie Christie, Jacqueline Bissett and Raquel Welch who had a powerful way of dealing with men.

### Discreet

But what had not altered by the Seventies, despite the rise of feminism and labour-saving devices, was the fact that housewives spent 40 hours and walked 52 miles a week doing household chores.

The Eighties has heralded the New Woman. Only four out of ten are full-time housewives. Now, more than 60 per cent of women below retirement age are out at work. They account for 90 per cent of grocery purchases, including soap, and



The face for 1988: Nastassja Kinski

even the over-45s are accounting for £18 billion annual expenditure.

And, according to the research, the New Woman has a poor view of the way advertisers and marketers try to stereotype them. 'The New Woman is an individual, not one in an amorphous mass,' says Judie.

'She has intelligence and a discreet, often maverick, personality which reacts unpredictably. She has become more competitive and no longer feels compelled to please other people.' New Woman is also proud of her body, and advertising has definitely moved into the bathroom.

Today's stars are Victoria Principal and Cheryl Ladd — both out and out keep-fit career women — along with the notoriously free-minded Nastassja Kinski and Isabella Adjani.

Only one thing hasn't changed, according to research done

to mark Lux's diamond anniversary. The main focus of a woman's life is still getting married and having children, and providing them with a warm and secure home.

Only don't give her any soft soap along the way — she will not be patronised anymore.



If you feel ten years younger after a shave in the morning, why don't you shave before you come to bed?

Market research had told advertisers women didn't

## ARAB TIMES MONTHLY

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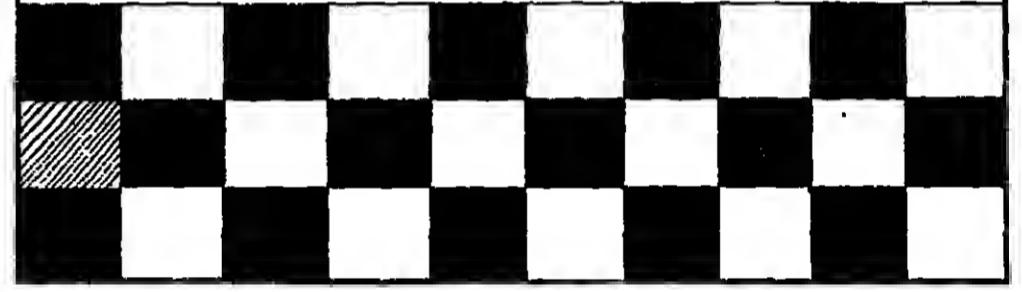
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When you have completed your entry

card and copy card and filled in your name and address, send in your entries, by post, addressed to:

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P.O. Box 2270,

13023 Safat Kuwait.

A surer alternative is to deliver by hand to the Arab Times, Al-Seyassah Building, Airport Road, Shuwaikh.

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Money supply growth increased by 4.7pc last year

## Kuwait's economic recovery hopes soar

THE Kuwait economy was looking up in 1987 as compared to the previous year in several aspects. The population has increased by 4.6 per cent in 1987 and reached the level of 1.873 million, according to the Bank Operating Statistics published by the Kuwait's Institute of Banking Studies. But the exports in 1987 has gone up by 10.85 per cent to reach KD2.330 million. The increase and stabilisation of oil prices during the year around \$16-18 per barrel had helped increasing the revenues from oil export. The oil export in 1987 was KD2.097 million, which was 13.2 per cent more than the previous year. The public revenues also have increased in 1987 by 8 per cent from the 1986 level and reached KD2.518 million.

However, the public expenditure in 1987 was KD2.520 million during the year which was 17.3 per cent less than 1986 level. This was probably due to the budget deficits of 1985 and 86.

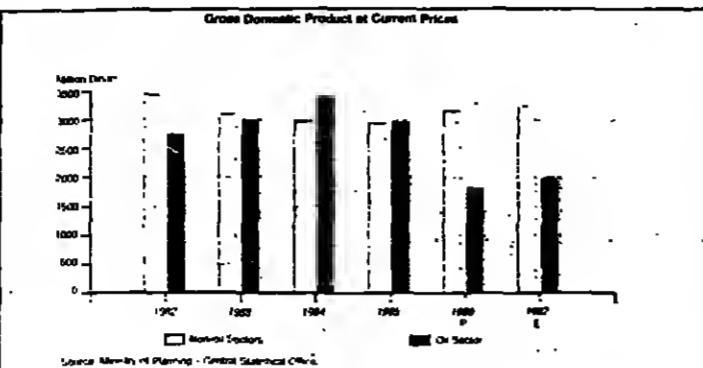
### Loans

In 1987, all Kuwaiti banks have worked seriously for implementing the Difficult Credit Facilities Settlement Programme. In essence, the

programme consists of rescheduling of the problem loans over either 10 or 15 years. Under the programme the Central Bank has guaranteed the shortfall in the provisions of the banks against indebtedness in order to protect the interests of shareholders and depositors alike, in addition to solving the debt problem without causing extraordinarily painful effects of the defaulters. The efforts on the Central Bank in this direction was primarily aimed to help putting the banks back into a sound footing for the future without causing political or social problems. The process is expected to be completed by 1988 and once completed, it would undoubtedly lay a strong foundation for the economic recovery and growth of the country. With that the banking system would also become more sound.

### Increased

The total money supply had increased by 4.7 per cent in 1987, while the increase in money supply was only 2.6 per cent in 86. At the same time during the year the interbank money rates have further declined from the previous year levels. By the end of the year overnight rates were quoted



around 3 per cent and the 3-month rates around 5 per cent.

In March 1987, the Central Bank announced a new interest rate policy. Interest rate ceiling for loans up to one year maturity for productive purposes was fixed at 6 per cent level while for the other types of short-term loans, the rate was fixed at 7.5 per cent.

For loans with maturity over one year, the ceiling was fixed at 1 per cent above the Kuwait Inter-Bank Offered Rate (KIBOR) prevailing at the time of granting the loan. For consumer loans the ceiling was fixed at 6 per cent which could be

counted at the time of loan disbursement. The new interest rate policy is expected to stimulate consumption and investment in the local and consequently the economic activity in the country.

### Move

In September 1987, the government decided to introduce short-term treasury bills and long-term treasury bonds programme in Kuwait. The move authorises the government to raise KD1.4 billion from the public in the form of borrowings. It was a move to bridge the budget deficit of government. At the same time the step would also

help providing additional investment opportunities for the financial institutions and the residents, and broaden the financial market of Kuwait.

The instruments are bearer instruments listed in the local stock market. Though the underwriting is restricted to the local financial institution, individuals and companies also could buy the instruments.

### Bonds

The first three issues of treasury bills and treasury bonds by the Central Bank of Kuwait in late 1987 was overwhelmingly received by the financial market. The CBK could raise a total of KD628 million (KD423 million from treasury bills and KD205 million from treasury bonds) from the first three issues alone.

In the year 1987, approximately KD105 million was raised by the international bond issuers and the Kuwaiti investment companies from the local capital market.

In May 1987, the Republic of Finland issued KD20 million worth of 7 year bonds in Kuwait. This was the first such issue by a non-Kuwaiti borrower since 1982.

It was followed by KD30

million bond issue by the World Bank. In addition to these issues, the three major investment companies of Kuwait had issued a total of KD55 million worth of bonds. The above bond issues indicate the revival of the bond market in Kuwait.

### Activity

The stock market activity in Kuwait has further improved in 1987. The splitting up of par value of shares from one KD to 100 fils in 1987 is expected to widen the participation in the market.

The five year plan of Kuwait for 1985-90 had set a target growth rate of 3.9 per cent for the GDP. This growth rate is possible to achieve with improved government expenditure during 1988-90 period.

The official reserves of the country is estimated to be around KD25 billion in 1986, of which around KD14 billion is held as the Fund for Future Generations and the remaining in the form of the general reserves of the state. The above reserves and the investment income arising from their investments would continue to provide financial security to the country even in the eventuality of any decline of oil prices.

## Investors show keen interest in shares

## Kuwait banks' assets growing, says IBS study

ECONOMIC reconstruction in the Gulf will weigh heavily on oil production in the region and prices of the commodity worldwide, according to a senior Arab oil industry official.

Indications abound that oil consumption will increase by about one million barrels a day by next year, said acting Secretary General of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) Abdul Aziz Al Wattari in an interview published on Sunday.

If global production accelerates beyond the level of consumption, it will be hard for producers to maintain the current prices, Al Wattari warned in a newspaper interview.

### Demand

Meanwhile, he defended Iraq's demand for an OPEC production quota equal to Iran's 3.269 million barrels per day (BPD), saying OAPEC's overall output will not increase if the Iraqi request is met. He did not explain why.

OAPEC includes 10 oil exporting Arab countries, but is not involved in production and pricing of its members.

Most other oil exporters support Iraq's stand and think eventual quotas would clear the way for an agreement which in turn would stabilize the market.

### System

Iraq broke away from the OPEC quota system in 1986 and has since been producing freely to press its demand for a production ceiling equal to that of its war foe. OPEC's current ceiling to the exclusion of Iraq is 15.06 million BPD.

Wattari faulted the media in the region for ignoring a major factor in oil market developments which is how oil revenues will be spent in the wake of the Gulf war ceasefire.

He said spending oil revenues on reconstruction and development in peacetime will re-energize other several economic sectors, chiefly industries related to oil production, manufacturing and export.

## North Yemen premier holds economic talks in Syria

DAMASCUS, Sept 4. (Reuter): North Yemeni Prime Minister Abdul-Aziz Abdulghani arrived in Syria today for an official visit aimed at promoting economic and oil co-operation, officials said.

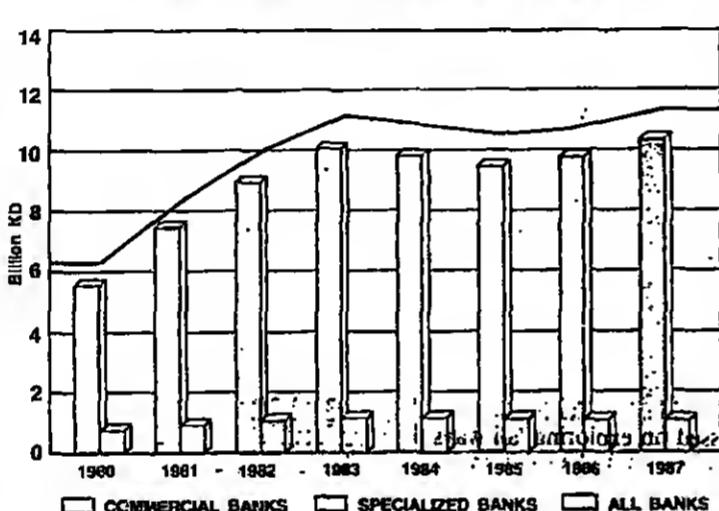
Diplomats said Abdulghani, whose country joined the ranks of world oil producers earlier this year, might seek Syrian technical expertise in developing North Yemen's oil industry.

### Co-operation

Syria has produced oil since the late 1960s and now has an estimated output of 250,000 barrels per day. More than 80 per cent of its oil operations are run by local engineers and experts.

Abdulghani, who was greeted by Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Zu'bi, said in an arrival statement that he would discuss ways to expand economic co-operation and commercial exchanges with Syria.

KUWAITI BANKS: TOTAL ASSETS (80-87)



At the end of 1987, the eight banks had attained a total asset of KD 11,558 million which was 5.4 per cent more than the total asset of the previous year.

The IBS study said it should be also noted that in 1986, the assets of the banks had grown only by 2.38 per cent. It is also important to note that for the first time after 1983, the value of the assets of the banking sector has surpassed the 1983 level of KD 11,156 million.

By the end of 1987, the loans and discounts of the eight banks have grown by 3.4 per cent to reach KD 6,007 million and the investment and deposits by 7.7

per cent to reach KD 2,692 million. Meanwhile, the deposits stood at KD 9,931 million level and the shareholders' equity at KD 1,114 million.

The annual growth in deposits in 1987 was 4.37 per cent and that of share holders' equity was 11.7 per cent.

Profit

In 1987 the net profit of the eight banks has increased by 14.9 per cent from the previous year.

The net profit in 1987 was KD

63.12 million. At the same time it may be noted that the 1987 net profit of commercial banks has been only 73 per cent of the peak level net profit achieved in 1983.

But in all respects the growth rates of the banking system in 1987 were better than the previous year.

At the end of 1987 the aggregate market value of the shares of the banks — excluding the Industrial Bank, whose shares are not traded — was KD

1,707 million while the book value of shares was KD 1,114 million.

The 1987 market value of shares of the seven banks was 30 per cent more than that of the previous year. But still the market value of banks shares remained only at 46 per cent of the 1982 value.

However, as compared to 1985, the market value was 86 per cent more in 1987. This may be considered as a clear indication of the renewal of investors' confidence in the bank shares.

As on December 31, 1987, the eight banks have employed 6,425 employees. Of this, the number of Kuwaitis were 4,610 to 2016 and

banks have been declining from the peak level of 1983 (KD 10,038 million) which was reached after the continuous growth during the 1976 to 83 period.

It is comforting to note that the trend of 1984 and 85 was reversed in 1986 and 87. Moreover, in 1987, the assets of commercial banks have surpassed the 1983 level for the first time in the recent years.

### Funds

In 1987 the shareholder's funds employed by the commercial banks has improved by 12.7 per cent from the previous year level of KD 887 million to KD 1,000 million.

Of the total assets of 6,016 million, KD 56 million came from the increase in share capital during the year.

Meanwhile, in 1987 the net profit of the commercial banks has increased by 19 per cent from the previous year. The net profit in 1987 was KD 54.27 million. It may be also noted in the 1987 net profit of commercial banks has been only 72 per cent of the peak level net profit achieved in 1983.

At the same time in 1987, the total assets of two specialised banks has declined from KD 1,048 million in 1986 to KD 1,038 million.

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quickly with strong gains.

That, of course, put traders in the familiar but still awkward position of seeming to applaud an increase in the unemployment rate, in this case 5.6 per cent in August from 5.4 per cent in July.

But the standard interpretation of the data among financial analysts was that it signalled moderating growth in the economy and less cause to worry about inflation.

Rates

Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, has made clear with both words and action his concern of late that inflationary pressures were building.

Moves by the Fed to restrain those pressures by tightening credit conditions have produced a steady increase in short-term interest rates.

In the view of many analysts, the new employment data raise

the possibility that the central bank won't feel obliged to tighten credit any further at least through the November elections.

The latest evidence "suggests the current structure of short-term rates is too high," said Tom Carpenter, chief economist at ASB Capital Management in Washington.

"A couple more months of moderate earnings gains should cause short rates to go down."

Joseph Felsbach, an analyst at Prudential-Bache Securities, argued that "September should cool off the bond market's overheated anxieties."

"I believe that before the year is out we'll see a very sharp bond rally as it becomes evident that the fear of inflation has been blown out of all proportion," he said in a commentary published before Friday's report.

Thanks to the rally on Friday,

the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials finished the past week with a net gain of 37.16 points to 2,054.59.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index rose 2.42 to 149.66 the Nasdaq composite index for the over-the-counter market gained 2.08 to 376.51, and the American Stock Exchange Market Value index was up 1.75 to 295.62.

Volume on the Big Board averaged 128.48 million shares a day, up from 117.29 million the week before.

"The rise in interest rates here and overseas should eventually begin to cool demand," says David Resler, chief economist at Nomura Securities International in New York.

"So far, available data suggest that the late second-quarter surge in demand may have subsided a bit."

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## Egypt, IMF in crucial talks over economic reform

CAIRO, Sept 4. (Reuter): Egypt and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) have renewed their critical tug-of-war over how far and how fast to reform the Egyptian economy, burdened by a \$4.3 billion debt.

The two sides began closed talks in Cairo yesterday on an economic reform package which, if agreed, would clear the way for Egypt to seek further debt rescheduling at the 18-nation Paris Club.

"This meeting will be quite crucial to see if they can put some ideas on paper," said a Western diplomat in Cairo.

"I'd be very disappointed if something didn't come out of it, although it may take another meeting," he added.

The government of President Hosni Mubarak, while anxious

approval of a new programme would allow Egypt to reschedule retroactively.

The Cairo daily Al Ahram said today Egypt was seeking a two-to-three-year package that would include IMF credits.

Egypt is still negotiating with the IMF to release the last \$150 million of a \$325-million standby credit that was part of the last programme. Diplomats said the money was withheld because of IMF disappointment over the pace of reform.

Al Ahram, reflecting official concern about sudden reforms, said: "Egypt is taking measures on economic readjustment as part of a gradual plan for reform taking into consideration the social conditions of the low-income categories."

It said the steps would control

prices, limit unemployment and curb inflation.

The IMF wants Egypt to reduce its budget deficit, which equals about 17 per cent of gross domestic product totalling about \$4.3 billion (\$19 billion).

The means to achieve this, including reductions in consumer subsidies, are often inflationary and Egypt wants to take such measures very gradually.

Rates

## Bid to strengthen commercial ties

## Kuwait, Denmark to sign economic pact

By Jeannine Porter

KUWAIT and Denmark are to sign today an economic co-operation agreement expected to extend the relations between the two countries beyond a mere exchange of goods, Danish Foreign Affairs Minister Uffe Elleemann-Jensen said.

Elleemann-Jensen is accompanied by a 30-member trade delegation, the largest Danish trade mission to ever visit Kuwait.

## Strengthen

The Danes are seeking to strengthen their economic presence in Kuwait, particularly in construction, food processing, transportation, electronics, administration systems and production facilities.

Although Denmark's exports to Kuwait have fallen over the past two years, its share of the

local market grew, Elleemann-Jensen said.

After Saudi Arabia, Kuwait is the largest importer of Danish goods in the Gulf, but Denmark's per capita exports to Kuwait exceed even those to Saudi Arabia.

## Co-operation

Elleemann-Jensen said that the Danish state company for electronic data processing is negotiating with Kuwait's Finance Ministry about setting up a comprehensive data system in Kuwait.

The Danish minister said that

the Danish delegation's visit to Kuwait was particularly well-timed because it comes in the wake of the ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war and after a GCC-EEC agreement on economic, commercial and technical co-operation.

## Exports

Kuwaiti and Danish officials called for liberalisation of trade between the EEC and GCC countries. The GCC exports of refined petrochemical products are a contentious issue in the negotiations between the two groups.

No tariffs are being imposed on most of Gulf states' petrochemical exports to Europe.

However, Elleemann-Jensen said that these exports are in direct competition with similar products from some of the EEC members, and threatens to worsen the unemployment problem in these countries.

The Danish minister said the EEC members will continue to give preferential treatment to GCC products but would like the Gulf states to reciprocate with similar arrangements for the EEC exports to the Gulf.

## Gulf Bank weekly market review

## KD rate slightly lower, dollar dips

**Kuwaiti dinar**  
BASED on last week's opening middle market FX rates, the KD exchange rate was slightly lower against the US dollar, ending the week at 285.91 fils compared with its last closing the week before at 284.90 fils.

Against the pound sterling, the KD was lower ending the week at 481.13 fils compared with this week before last's closing of 480.20 fils.

The KD was slightly against the DM, ending the week at 152.36 fils, compared with its closing of 151.80 fils the week before.

The KD was also slightly lower against the SF, ending the week at 180.56 with its week before last closing at 180.15 fils.

Against the ID, the KD was slightly higher ending the week before last closing at 75.30 fils.

The KD was mostly unchanged against the GCC currencies.

## World stock markets

Wall-Street stock prices weakened over the week, but improved late on Friday.

Early weakness stemmed from concern about tighter credit and a 431.69 point decline to 26,934.26 in the Nikkei index Tokyo Stock Market.

However, on Friday, a moderate rise in August employment damped concern about inflation and brought the market to its sharpest rally in several months, with the Dow Jones gaining 55 points.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened the week at 2041, then dropped to 2022 before it closed higher at 2053, recording a gain of 38 points over the week before last closing at 2017.

Share prices on the London Stock Exchange weakened earlier in the week due to continuing concern over the UK's balance of payments position.

Late in the week, the major depressing influence was a steep fall on "Wall Street." Sterling's decline, and a subsequent rise in money market rates.

**US dollar**

The dollar was well bid on technical and fundamental basis.

Viewed as a high-yielding currency, the US dollar recorded gains especially against the Japanese yen.

However, the Bank of England intervened to support the currency, promoting gains in money market rates.

On one hand, the weight of negative sentiment following a

record sit 2.15 billion UK July current account deficit appeared to be behind sterling's decline, while on the other hand, several large sell orders in New York in thin conditions were responsible for the sudden plunge.

A rise in August official reserves of \$827 million had little effect on sterling.

## Deutsche mark

The mark opened the week easier against the US dollar at 1.87/20/30 marks but ended higher at 1.8520/30 marks, a shade firmer than its week before last closing at 1.8590/00 marks.

Market nervousness of Central Bank's intervention heightened at any small move.

The mark benefited from a weaker dollar on higher US unemployment in August.

Last month, the release of strong US unemployment figure in July pushed the mark to a 19 month low against the dollar at 1.9250.

The Bundesbank changed the method by which it operates tenders for a securities repurchase pact to stabilise market rates in the short-term in line with Bundesbank's wishes.

## French franc

The French Franc opened the week against the US dollar at 6.3510/40FF and closed higher at 6.2950/80 FFR compared to its week before last closing at 6.3135/65 FFR.

Consumer prices rose by 0.3 per cent in July, bringing year-on-year inflation to 2.7 per cent.

The July inflation figure was well below the year-on-year price rise of 3.4 per cent posted in July 1987, but was fractionally up from 2.6 per cent in June.

Finance Minister P. Bergevogli confirmed reports earlier last week that the official government estimate for growth this year will be revised to show more than 3 per cent and maybe close to 3.5 per cent.

## Swiss franc

The Swiss franc opened the week against the US dollar at 1.5780/90 SF and closed higher at 1.5555/65 SF compared to its week before last closing at 1.5675/85 SF.

According to the Swiss Association of Trade and Industry, rising exports, robust industrial production and growing domestic demand should keep

the Swiss economy strong and hold real economic growth over 2 per cent in 1988.

**Oil prices**

Oil prices in the world markets fell last week, to their mid-July levels.

Spot prices for North Sea Brent Crude were between 13.95 - 14.45 dollars per barrel.

Prices for October cargoes fell to 14.20-14.65 dollars per barrel range.

US oil prices fell below 15 dollars per barrel, the lowest level in six weeks.

October crude oil contracts fell to 14.79 dollars per barrel.

Oil prices are likely to remain within their current levels during September due to continued over supply in the world markets and high levels of stocks in the consuming countries.

However, prices are likely to improve in the fourth quarter of this year due to expected increase in the seasonal demand, provided that OPEC output ceiling is not exceeded.

## Precious metals

Precious metals prices came under strain last week, suffering generally from a perception that major central banks are determined to curb inflationary pressures by raising interest rates.

Also, lower crude oil prices bolstered the view that inflationary pressures are under control.

**Gold**

Gold bullion prices opened the week at 428/428.50 dollars per ounce and ended lower at 427.75/428.25 dollars per ounce, recording a loss of around 4.25 dollars over the previous week's closing of 432/432.50 dollars per ounce.

Gold seems to have settled within a 10 dollar near-term range of about 425 to 435 dollars.

**Silver**

Silver bullion prices opened the week at 6.56/6.58 and closed lower at 6.55/6.57 dollars per ounce, losing 10 cents on average over the previous week's closing of 6.65/6.67 dollars per ounce.

Silver seems to be moving within a trading range of about 6.50 to 6.70 dollars per ounce.

**Platinum**

Platinum opened the week at 524/525.50 dollars per ounce and closed lower at 524/525.50 dollars per ounce, over the previous week's closing of 540.50/541.50 dollars per ounce.

## Kuwait banks' assets growing: IBS

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However, the rate of decline in 1987 was only 0.97 per cent as compared to the 1986 decline of 3.8 per cent. The deposits and lending of specialised banks have also declined from the previous year levels.

During 1987 the net profit of the specialised banks has decreased by 3.2 per cent from the previous year. The net profit in 1987 was KD 8.85 million.

At the same time it may be also noted that the 1987 net profit of specialised banks has been only 83 per cent of the peak level net profit achieved in 1984.

Apparently, the decline for specialised banks was halted in 1987.

The return on assets of the banking system in 1987 was 0.56 per cent (5.43 per cent) for commercial banks and 0.85 per cent for specialised banks. At the same time, the return on equity in 1986 was 5.51 per cent (5.16 per cent for commercial banks, 8.34 per cent for specialised banks).

In short, in 1987 there have been some increases in the profitability of commercial banks and slight decrease in profitability of the specialised banks as compared to the previous year.

On an aggregate basis the banking system as a whole has recorded marginally higher levels of profitability in 1987 than the

previous two years. But the profitability needs to be doubled for regaining the position of 1982-83 period.

The aggregate earning per share (EPS) of the eight banks in 1987 was 171 fils and the dividend per share (DPS) was 120 fils for every one dinar value of shares. The banking system has distributed 71 per cent of its profits in 1987. It seems that the road to increased dividends for shareholders has started in 1987.

At the end of 1987, the banking system has held its assets in the following proportion: liquid assets (19.39 per cent), investments and deposits (23.7 per cent), loans and discounts (52.58 per cent) and other assets (4.03 per cent).

**Increase**

At the end of the year 23.4 per cent of the total assets of the commercial banks was held in the form of foreign assets. The break up of foreign assets were as following: deposits with the foreign banks (57 per cent), credits granted (29 per cent) and investments (14 per cent).

**Deposits**

During 1987 the time deposits have shown a considerable decline of 12.98 per cent as against substantial increases in the other forms of deposits.

Increase in certificates of deposits was 144 per cent while that of foreign currency deposits was 51.5 per cent. Sight deposits also increased though at a lesser extent by 7.8 per cent.

The proportion of time deposits in the total deposit structure, has declined from 2.6 per cent of 1986 to 50.52 per cent by the end of 1987. In other words the structural change in time deposits was minus 9.75 per cent.

Meanwhile, the composition

of foreign currency deposits has increased by 6.7 and the saving deposits by 2.4 per cent. The composition of sight deposits in the total deposit structure has remained more or less constant during the year.

The structural changes in deposits are important to be noted for sound financial management of banks.

**Position**

The debt-equity position of the Kuwaiti banks has continued to remain very comfortable in 1987. The equity funds has accounted for 9.8 per cent of the total funding of banks in 1987.

As already noted, at the end of 1987, KD 9.31 million (87.43 per cent) of the total assets of the eight banks was financed by the deposits. The deposits have grown by 4.37 per cent in 1987.

The break up of deposits placed in the commercial banking system was as following: Saving deposits (13.98 per cent), foreign currency (21.27 per cent), sight deposits (13.89 per cent), time deposits (50.52 per cent) and certificates of deposits (0.35 per cent).

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The improvement and firming up of oil prices around \$16-18 per barrel in 1987, has helped increasing the oil revenues of the country and also improving its general economic confidence.

## OPEC problems will end eventually, says Subroto

OPEC secretary-general Subroto said yesterday the oil organisation would eventually overcome production and price problems.

"Harmony and cohesion will definitely return and all OPEC production levels and prices will be solved gradually," Subroto told reporters before leaving for Qatar at the end of a visit to Kuwait.

But he said the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries could not enforce strong and binding resolutions as long as the Iran-Iraq war dragged on and differences remained between the 13 members.

**Production**

According to a Reuter survey, OPEC produced about 20 million barrels per day (BPD) in August compared with its production ceiling of 15.06 million BPD.

Subroto arrived in Kuwait on Friday after talks in Iraq failed to bring Baghdad back into OPEC's quota system to stabilise oil prices.

Subroto, who also visited Tehran, said he went to Iraq and Iran to hear their points of view on production levels.

He said his talks in the area focused on exploring all ways and means to find a solution for pricing and production problems.

**Cost of living still rising steadily in Turkey**

The Kuwaiti Cabinet yesterday called on OPEC members to meet their responsibilities and support OPEC unity.

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MEIR AND LECONTE CRASH OUT

# Edberg and Graf avoid upset wave



Edberg crushed Carlsson

**Barcelona**  
kick off  
season  
with win

**BARCELONA**, Spain, Sept. 4, (Reuter): Barcelona, hoping new manager John Crayff can give them the shine they lacked last season, kicked off the Spanish soccer season yesterday with an encouraging 2-0 win at home to local rivals Espanol.

Gave a thorough shake-up over the summer after finishing sixth in the League, Barcelona fielded no fewer than seven new players and they looked a happy side.

Crayff, star player with Barcelona during the 1970s, joined an almost capacity crowd of 80,000 to watch the Catalan derby from the stands, his place on the bench being denied him because of a problem concerning the club's transfer of him.

He was evaluated the first half, but the goals came when Espanol, traditionally Barcelona's poor neighbours but surprise runners-up in last season's UEFA Cup, were playing their best.

Aitor Begiristain, bought from Basque side Real Sociedad, scored with a left-foot drive into the corner of the goal in the 62nd minute.

Roberto Fernandez, one of the few old hands to survive the sacking of 12 players, scored two minutes later with a penalty which Cameroun goalkeeper Thomas N'Kono could only touch and deflect into the goal.

N'Kono recovered from his disappointment to make several fine saves in the closing minutes as Barcelona warmed to their task.

**Depleted**

"The second half, especially, was very good," said England striker Gary Lineker, still recovering from hepatitis and unable to play yet.

Howard Keudall's Bilbao Athletic, with four young club players making playing their debut for the first team, meanwhile got off to a resounding start with a 3-0 win at home to Seville.

The Basques were in control throughout, forcing Seville to pull back all their players except Austrian striker Anton Polster.

Striker Pedro Uralde scored in the 15th minute, Joseba Aguirre made it 2-0 in the 57th and Uralde headed the ball home to complete the battering six minutes from the end.

Athletic's local rivals Real Sociedad, coached by Welshman John Toshack, lost 1-0 away to Real Oviedo, back in the First Division after 13 years. The visitors, depleted by summer defections to Barcelona, were surprised five minutes from the whistle by a clever goal from Berto Martinez.

**Belenenses sail past Portimonense**

**LISBON**, Sept. 4, (Reuter): Belenenses, managed by Englishman John Mortimore, trounced Portimonense 4-0 yesterday to maintain their 100 per cent record and stay top of the Portuguese First Division.

Two goals from Bulgarian striker Stoytcho Mladenov helped Belenenses to their third win in three games and kept the unfashionable Lisbon side one point clear of the pack.

Champions Porto struggled to a 2-1 home win over Espinho in their match also brought forward because of this week's European club fixtures.

**NEW YORK**, Sept. 4, (Reuter): Upsets swept through the US Open field again yesterday, but Wimbledon champions Stefan Edberg and Steffi Graf easily avoided the plague.

Also moving into the round of 16 were Mats Wilander and Chris Evert on a day that saw five seeded players ousted, three of them in succession on the hexed grandstand court.

Edberg, the third seed, easily beat his fellow Swede Johan Carlsson 6-0 7-5 6-2 in the featured night match at the National Tennis Centre.

Losing on outside courts were eighth-seeded Milosav Meir of Czechoslovakia and Sylvia Hanika of West Germany (15).

**Perfect**

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# Jansher edges Dittmar for title



Jansher (left) and Dittmar: battle it out

**HONG KONG**, Sept. 4, (Reuter): World number one Jansher Khan held off a determined challenge by Chris Dittmar for the second time in a week to retain his Hong Kong Open title.

The Pakistani top seed won a physically punishing final 15-11 9-13 15-6 12-15 15-10 just seven days after an equally grueling five-game victory over Dittmar earned him the New Zealand Open crown.

Jansher beat Dittmar 9-0 9-7 5-9 7-9-7 in Auckland and both players opened today's final cautiously, seemingly content to rally from the back of the court.

Dittmar said after the 89-minute match that the warm court conditions had tested both players.

"These were tougher conditions than in New Zealand last week — it was real attrition out there," he said.

Fourth seed Rodney Martin of Australia beat New Zealander Ross Norman, seeded third, 15-14 15-13 11-15 15-10 in the third place play-off.

**CAPE TOWN**, Sept. 4, (Reuter): A South African rugby official has secretly met the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) guerrilla movement in a bid to reduce the country's sporting isolation, a sports official said today.

Danie Craven, chairman of the South African Rugby Board, said that ANC members were present at secret talks between South Africa and African countries held in Europe.

Transvaal rugby chief Louis Luyt had represented South Africa because Craven was too ill to travel.

"People are ascribing bad motives to this because everybody is against the ANC. Their name is a red rag to a bull."

"The government blamed the ANC for a huge car bomb which exploded outside Johannesburg's Ellis Park stadium minutes after a rugby match in July, killing two people."

Rugby, followed avidly by whites, has been one of the sports worst hit by the ANC-backed sporting boycott called in protest at apartheid.

An international rugby tour of South Africa was called off days before it was due to start last month when only a handful of players braved the boycott to join the squad.

Craven said the talks, which he described as "difficult but friendly," had produced results but he refused to elaborate.

Norwich won 3-2 at newly-promoted Middlesbrough with goals from Robert Rosario, Robert Fleck and an own goal by Mark Brennan, who was making his first appearance for Middlesbrough after signing from Ipswich.

Arsenal expected to lead London's title challenge, were outmanoeuvred and beaten 3-2 at home by another promoted team, Aston Villa, while Tottenham came from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 at Newcastle.

In other games yesterday South Korea defeated Spain 9-2, Taiwan beat the Netherlands 9-1, Japan crushed Canada 8-1 and Nicaragua edged Puerto Rico 6-5.

**US brush aside Italy**

**MILAN**, Italy, Sept. 4, (AP): Home runs by Tino Martinez and Ty Griffey paced the United States to an 11-1 victory over Italy yesterday and set up a clash with defending champion Cuba, which also remained unbeaten in the World Baseball Championship with a 15-5 win over the Netherlands.

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**Attack**

Cuba got a two-run homer from Luis Casanova and a solo shot from Luis Castro in an 18-8 win. The Netherlands, 2-9, managed five runs on six hits in the first four innings, including a solo homer by Gerlach Halder-

**Miami** blast Florida in opener

**NEW YORK**, Sept. 4, (AP): The defending national champion Miami Hurricanes got the 1988 college football season off on the right foot with a 31-0 rout of the top-ranked team, Florida State.

Steve Walsh passed for two touchdowns and Cleveland Gary ran for one and the sixth-ranked Hurricanes completely overwhelmed the No. 1 Seminoles last night.

In other games marking the first full day of the College Football season, No. 2 Nebraska routed Utah State 63-13, No. 4 Clemson bombed Virginia Tech 40-7, No. 5 UCLA overpowered San Diego State 59-6, No. 17 Louisiana State shocked No. 11 Texas A-and-M 27-0, No. 12 Georgia defeated No. 15 Tennessee 28-17, No. 10 West Virginia walloped Bowling Green 62-14, and No. 19 South Carolina whipped North Carolina 31-11.

**Field**

In a late game in Hawaii, No. 8 Iowa lost to the Rainbows 27-24 as freshman Hawaii place-kicker Jason Elam hit two fourth-quarter field goals.

Miami used a lightning-quick defense to smother one of the nation's most explosive offenses, limiting Florida State to 91 yards in the first half and permitting the Seminoles to cross midfield just twice in the first two periods.

So dominant was the Hurricanes' defense that FSU tailback Sammie Smith, who rushed for a school record 1,230 yards a year ago, was held to just six yards, a career low, on 13 carries.

Miami's record against No. 1 teams in the 1980s is 6-0. It also was the sixth straight year in which the Hurricanes have defeated the team ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press preseason poll.

Second-ranked Nebraska ran its record to 2-0 as quarterback Steve Taylor ran for two touchdowns and passed for another to lead the Cornhuskers past Utah State 63-13.

Quarterback Rodney Williams scored once and directed Clemson's option offense in a 24-point second-period outburst as the fourth-ranked Tigers defeated Virginia Tech 40-7.

Darryl Henley returned a punt 89 yards for a touchdown after just 3:25 of play and Troy Aikman threw three first-half scoring passes as UCLA overpowered San Diego State 59-6.

LSU overcame a bad night by quarterback Tommy Hodson and ground out a methodical 27-0 victory over Texas A-and-M. The strength of a defense led by linebacker Ron Sanchez.

**Results**

Top twenty college football teams faced this week and schedule for Sept. 10:

No. 1 Florida State 63-13 vs. No. 6 Miami, Florida 31-0 vs. Southern Mississippi.

No. 2 Nebraska 63-14 vs. No. 5 UCLA.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Masters golf

CRANS, Switzerland, Sept. 4. (AP): Chris Moody of England today won the 1.05 million franc (\$677,000) European Masters golf tournament by one stroke, upsetting favourite Severiano Ballesteros of Spain, this year's British Open champion. Moody shot a seven-under-par 65 today, bringing his four-round total to 268, or 20-under-par on the Alpine course. He had been three strokes behind going into the final round.

## Memorial cricket

THE first General Zia-ul-Haq Shabeen Memorial Cricket Tournament is scheduled to start soon, according to the organiser Haji Laiquat. The draws for the tournament will be held at the Lalazar Restaurant on Sept. 9 at 8.00 pm. For further information contact Altaf Khan, Tel: 3292107 ext. 37 (8 am to 1.00 pm) or Naveed Ahmed, Tel: 3926007.

## Charity Classic

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 4. (Reuter): American Donna White used brilliant iron play for what she called an easy 66 yesterday to take a one-stroke lead after the first round of the LPGA tour's \$250,000 Charity Classic.

## Canadian Open

OAKVILLE, Ontario, Sept. 4. (Reuter): American Ken Green eagled the 13th hole in a four-under-par round that gave him a two-stroke lead after the third round of the \$750,000 Canadian Open golf championship yesterday.

## Taylor triumphs

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Sept. 4. (Reuter): Olympic champion Meldrick Taylor took the International Boxing Federation (IBF) junior welterweight title from Buddy McGirt yesterday by stopping the former champion at two minutes of the 12th round.

## Title fight

NAGOYA, Japan, Sept. 4. (Reuter): Mexico's Gilberto Roman retained his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-middleweight crown today after scoring a unanimous points victory over Japanese challenger Kiyoshi Hatanaka.

## Pical wins

JAKARTA, Sept. 4. (Reuter): Indonesia's Elias Pical retained his International Boxing Federation (IBF) junior bantamweight title today by beating South Korean challenger Kim Chang Kion points in a 12-round bout.

## Morten Olsen

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 4. (UPI): Due to a serious groin injury, Denmark's veteran libero Morten Olsen will not play his 100th international this year as planned, but will have to wait till 1989 for his farewell performance for the Danish side.

## Final appearance

LONDON, Sept. 4. (UPI): World javelin champion Fatima Whitbread will make her final appearance in Britain before the Seoul Olympics when she competes at a club meeting on Sept. 9.

## Soccer violence

LONDON, Sept. 4. (UPI): West Ham United stepped up its campaign against soccer violence, banning 16 supporters for life. Secretary Tim Finn said the club had consulted police in the action, and that if any of the 16 try to enter Upton Park they will be refused admission. If they are found inside the ground, they will be ejected and charged with trespassing.

## Ban lifted

SEOUL, Sept. 4. (Reuter): Olympic athletes will be free to toast victories or drown sorrows now that Games village authorities have lifted a liquor ban.

## Auto race

GOTEMBA, Japan, Sept. 4. (AP): Kazuyoshi Hoshino started from the pole position in a Cabin T88 and won the final auto race of the six-event Grand Champion Series today.

## Sports car race

NUERBURGRING, West Germany, Sept. 4. (Reuter): Jean-Louis Schlesser won the duel against the powerful Jaguar teams to give Mercedes their third World Sports Car Championship victory of the year in the 1,000 km race here today.

## BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Habiba Bridge Club game held on Saturday: N/S  
1. Captain Salman & K.T. Simon  
2. Nabil Alkhal & Sherin Basym  
3. Ghani & Sayem  
E/W  
1. Mrs Pereira & Mrs D'Souza  
2. Ezzeldin & Ahmed Tawil  
3. Majeed & Gajar

## LAMB AND LABROOY SHINE

## Barnett leads England to victory



Lamb: scored 66



Labrooy: three for 40

A. Ranatunga run out	37
D. Mende b Small	60
R. Madgallie c Foster b Pringle	17
R. Ranatunga c Pringle b Small	19
H. Tilkeratne not out	15
G. Labrooy not out	10
Extras (b-1 lb-10 w-5 ab-1)	20
Total (for seven wickets - 55 overs)	242 - Innings closed.
Fall of wickets: 1-21 2-54 3-75	
4-144 5-190 6-193 7-224	
Did not bat: R. Madarasinghe, D. Amarsi	
Bowling: Foster 11-0-47-0, Small 11-1-44-3, Gooch 11-1-35-2, Pringle 11-0-46-1, Marks 11-0-59-0	
ENGLAND	
G. Gooch c De Silva b Labrooy	7
T. Robinson lbw b Ranatunga	13
K. Barnett run out	84
A. Lamb c sub Labrooy	66
R. Smith c Karuppu b Labrooy	9
R. Bailey not out	43
D. Pringle not out	19
Extras (w-3 ab-1)	4
Total (five wickets - 52.4 overs)	245
Fall of wickets: 1-9 2-22 3-140	
4-154 5-213	
Did not bat: J. Russell, V. Marks, N. Foster, G. Small	
Bowling: Ranatunga 9.4-3-37-1, Labrooy 10.0-40-3, Samarasekera 11-0-52-0, Ranatunga 11-0-42-0, Amarsi 6-0-31-0, De Silva 2-0-19-0	
Madarasinghe 3-0-24-0	
Result: England won by five wickets.	

Scoreboard

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